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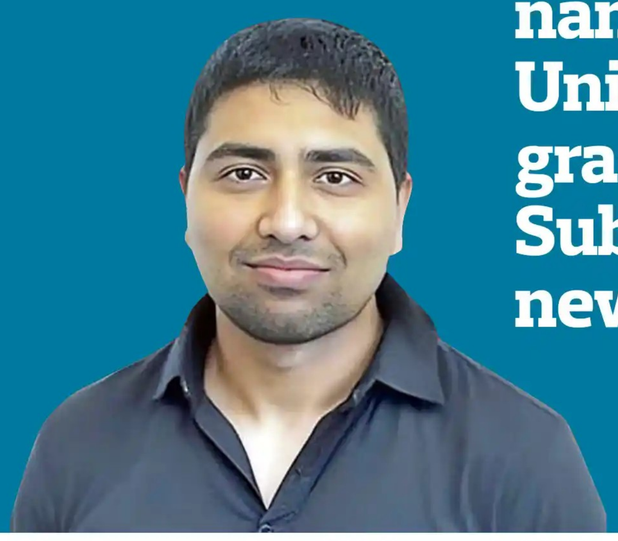

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No SC/ST Act cover after conversion: HC

The Allahabad High Court has said that the protective provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act cannot be extended to persons who have embraced another faith wherein the caste system is not recognised. A single bench comprising Justice Praveen Kumar Giri gave this ruling while dismissing a petition filed by one Jitendra Kumar Sahni, who hailed from SC community, but had converted to Christianity.
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3rd N-ballistic missile sub induction soon

India's third nuclear ballistic missile submarine Aridhaman is in the final stages of trial and will be commissioned soon, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi said on Tuesday. The Navy will also get a nuclear-powered attack submarine on lease from a "friendly foreign partner", Admiral Tripathi said.
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'Seva Teerth': New PMO complex

The new complex housing the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) will be called 'Seva Teerth', officials said on Tuesday. The new complex, which is in the final stages of completion, was earlier known as the 'Executive Enclave' under the Central Vista Redevelopment project.

Rupee closes at all-time low of 89.96

The rupee hit the psychological 90-a-dollar level in intraday trade before settling 43 paise down at an all-time low of 89.96 against the US dollar on Tuesday, largely owing to continued short-covering from speculators and sustained importer demand for the American currency.
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Users can delete Sanchar Saathi app, says Scindia

It's a security tool, not for snooping, says BJP

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Amid a raging row over mandatory pre-installation of Sanchar Saathi app on all new smartphones, Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia on Tuesday clarified that users will have the freedom to delete the application.

"This is not snooping, not call monitoring; if you want you can activate it, if you don't want it then don't activate it. If you want to keep it in your phone then keep it, and if you want to delete it, then delete it," the minister told reporters outside Parliament.

The government's clarification came after the Opposition parties flagged serious concern over the DoT's diktat to mobile manufacturers to preload the Sanchar Saathi app on every mobile phone sold in India.

The order dated November 28, gives mobile manufacturers like Samsung, Apple, Google, Motorola, Xiaomi, Oppo and Vivo 90 days to comply with the regulation or face penalties. This is also applicable for imported devices.

Opposition parties termed the move dictatorial. "Sanchar Saathi is a snooping app, and clearly it's ridiculous," said Congress MP Priyanka Vadra. "Citizens have the right to privacy. Everyone must have the right to privacy to send messages to family, friends, without the government looking at everything," she added.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that Sanchar Saathi app is an attempt by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government to strangulate the voice of the people. "Modi government's unilateral directions to preload this app without taking into confidence various stakeholders and citizens is akin to dictatorship. Why does the government want to know what citizens talk with their family and friends?" Kharge said in a post on X.

However, the ruling BJP defended the move saying it is meant to make mobile devices secure. "The app cannot read your messages. It cannot listen to your calls, incoming or outgoing. Sanchar Saathi cannot reach or breach your personal data," said BJP MP and national spokesperson Sambit Patra.

Clarifying the move, the Department of Telecom said, "Sanchar Saathi app will come pre-installed, but that will not mean it is watching you. It will not act as a surveillance tool, and it will not track your data in any way. Its only job will be to protect your mobile identity without accessing your personal information."

ROW OVER APP

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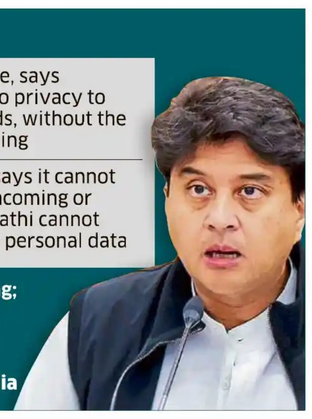
- BJP defends app, says it cannot listen to your calls, incoming or outgoing. Sanchar Saathi cannot reach or breach your personal data



"This is not call monitoring; if you want you can activate it, if you don't want it then don't activate it. Jyotiraditya Scindia

Cong: Akin to dictatorship

Opposition on Tuesday pounded on the government over the Sanchar Saathi App issue with Congress calling it yet another attempt by the BJP to strangulate the voice of the people and saying it is akin to dictatorship.
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Sanchar Saathi and privacy concerns

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Litigant claims 21k acres of forest land

Filed 17 more cases, eyed Hassan, C'magaluru land

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Days after a *DH* report on a Karnataka High Court order ruling over 500 acres of Bengaluru forest in favour of one M B Nemanna Gowda, an investigation has now found that the individual has filed 17 other cases laying claim to nearly 21,000 acre of forest land.

While initial inquiries by *DH* last week had found that Gowda alias M B Manmanatha had filed 10 cases, further search eventually found more cases. Except for the one case pertaining to the forest land in Benglauru's Kengeri -- valued at over Rs 30,000 crore -- other claims pertain to the lands spread across Chikkamagaluru and Hassan districts.

Several of the forest lands claimed by Gowda, similar to the land in Kengeri, were notified decades ago with some notifications dating back to 1935. Any attempt to divert them without permission from the Union environment ministry is a direct violation of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 as well as several Supreme Court orders.

The 16 cases verified by *DH* put the total extent of land claimed by Gowda at 20,845 acres, which includes forest land as well as part of revenue land. The remaining two cases pertain to lands in Mudigere taluk in Chikkamagaluru district. Officials were looking into the details of the document.

FIXED TEMPLATE

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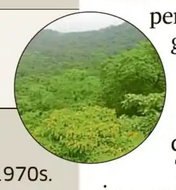
- He then prays to the court to order the revenue authorities to "enter" or "restore" his name in the revenue documents.
- In some cases, he had also produced hand-written RTC documents dating back to the 1970s.



The modus operandi in a majority of the petitions is similar: Gowda invokes a regrant order of a special deputy commissioner for Inam Abolition in Hassan division and prays to the court to order revenue authorities to "enter" or "restore" his name in the revenue documents. In some cases, he had also produced hand-written RTC documents dating back to the 1970s.
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LS to debate electoral reforms as govt, Oppn strike deal

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The government and the Opposition broke the logjam over a discussion on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, with lawmakers from both sides agreeing to hold a debate on the Election Commission's exercise.

As part of the agreement, a special discussion marking 150 years of the national song Vande Mataram will be held in the Lok Sabha next Monday (December 8) for 10 hours, to be initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Lok Sabha will also take up a 10-hour discussion on electoral reforms on Tuesday (December 9).

The agreement was reached at a meeting of Opposition floor leaders in Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's office, followed by a session of the Business Advisory Committee.

The Opposition agreed to climb down on the matter and accepted the government's demand to change the terminology from SIR to "electoral reforms".
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Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday. PTI

'Consider extending SIR in Kerala'

The SC on Tuesday asked the EC to consider extending the deadline of Dec 11 by one more week for submitting forms in the Kerala SIR.
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Understand pressure is being exerted on India: Russia

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Though India's oil imports from Russia may decline for "a brief period", no external interference will be allowed to stymie the growth of bilateral commerce, the Kremlin stated on Tuesday.

Russia also confirmed that President Vladimir Putin will discuss the sale of SU-57E fighter jets and additional S-400 missiles with India. "We understand that there is pressure, that pressure is being exerted on India. And, therefore, we should be very careful in shaping the architecture of our relations, making sure they're free from any influence of third countries," Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.
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DKS will become CM when high command decides: Siddu

BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Tuesday his deputy D K Shivakumar will head the government "when the high command decides".

Siddaramaiah said this after having breakfast at Shivakumar's Sadashivanagar residence in what was another show of bonhomie between the two leaders, which the Congress high command wanted to conceal their leadership tussle.

Siddaramaiah

"Shivakumar and I have always been united. We are like brothers working in the same party and under the same ideology. For 2028, too, we will work together and bring the party to power," Siddaramaiah told reporters.

This was their second breakfast meeting. Last Saturday, Siddaramaiah hosted Shivakumar for breakfast on instructions from Congress general secretary K C Venugopal. "Both of us have decided to listen to whatever the high command decides, especially Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge," Siddaramaiah said.

Asked when Shivakumar will become the CM, Siddaramaiah said: "When the high command decides."

Siddaramaiah claimed that he discussed with Shivakumar the government's strategy to face the Opposition during the upcoming winter session of the legislature.
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In a first, GBA sacks officials for issuing khatas to illegal layouts

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

For the first time, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has suspended an entire chain of revenue officials under the Begur division of the Bengaluru South City Corporation for issuing khata certificates to sites formed in unapproved layouts.

This is GBA's first major disciplinary action taken against its own staff ever since the authority came into force.

The suspended staff are: Shantesh, revenue officer (in charge of Begur); Narasimhulu, assistant revenue officer; Hemanth Kumar and Suresh, revenue inspectors; Balalingaraju and Bhaghyashree, second division assistants.

Following a complaint filed by one Mohan Babu in April 2025, the GBA had sought a report from the Bommanahalli Joint Commissioner to look into the allegations. The report found that the revenue officials had issued 'B' khatas to sites formed in unapproved layouts, in violation of the GBA/BBMP circular dated October 2024 and Section 17 of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961.

According to the circular, khata certificates can only be issued for sites formed in layouts approved by planning bodies like the BDA.
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PARKING PINCH

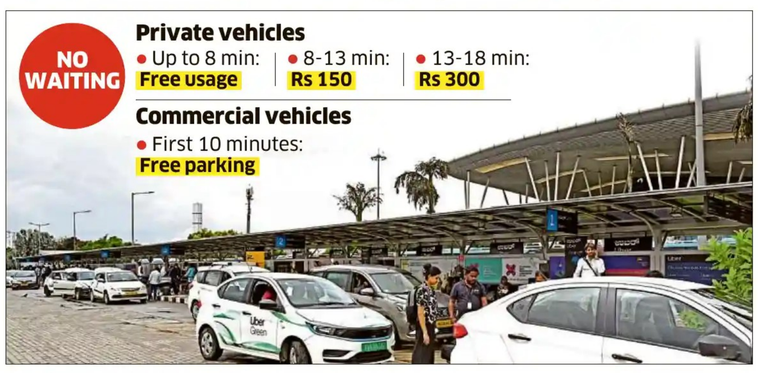
At KIA, make pick-ups snappy or pay for 'overstaying'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Starting December 8, Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) will impose overstaying fees on all private vehicles beyond the designated free usage limit.

According to Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), all vehicles with white boards will get eight minutes of free usage in the designated arrival pickup zone in both Terminals 1 and 2.

Beyond this, cars will be charged Rs 150 for 8-13 minutes and Rs 300 for 13-18 minutes. Any vehicle staying beyond 18 minutes will be towed to the nearest police station, and applicable fines and towing charges will be levied, BIAL added.



All commercial vehicles, including yellow-board taxis and electric cabs, will wait for passengers only at the designated parking zones. They will get free parking for the first 10 minutes. Commercial vehicles arriving at Terminal 1 should proceed to the P4 and P3 parking zones, while those serving Terminal 2 are directed to the P2 parking zone.

All white-board vehicles are classified as private vehicles, and all yellow-board, EV commercial vehicles and self-drive yellow-board vehicles are classified as commercial vehicles. The fees will not apply to vehicles dropping off passengers at the departure gates.

In recent months, BIAL said, the airport has observed increasing halts by unauthorised cabs, vehicles waiting outside arrival gates and exit ramps or engaging in roadside pick-ups.
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Cab drivers plan protest over airport overstaying fee; eye 15 mins of free pickup time

But passengers believe levy will help end chaos at the arrival zones

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Many drivers avoid airport trips as they make little profit from it. Such a penalty will drive more away and especially affect those who are not associated with any cab aggregator platforms. DH FILE PHOTO

Bengaluru International Airport Limited's decision to reintroduce an overstaying fee at the Kempegowda International Airport's arrival zone has drawn opposition from cab drivers.

From December 8, private vehicles will get eight minutes of free stay. They will be charged Rs 150 for 8 to 13 minutes and Rs 300 for 13 to 18 minutes. Vehicles staying beyond 18 minutes will be towed to the nearest police station, with fines added.

Commercial vehicles must wait at designated parking zones, where they will get 10 minutes of complimentary parking.

"Ten minutes is not enough. Even last year, when this rule was introduced, we had protested due to the time limit. We believe 15 minutes would be ideal. If they cannot make it 15 minutes, they will have to call back the order. If not, we will protest," said G Narayanaswamy, president of Karnataka Chalakara Okkoota.

He plans to meet Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Wednesday and will write to BIAL authorities condemning the rules.

BIAL CEO clears the air

Hari Marar, Managing Director and CEO of BIAL, said the airport would have an overstaying fee, not an access fee.

"When we introduced a similar measure last year, it was misinterpreted. We received backlash and retracted it. Hence, the wording here is important. Access to the airport is always free," he told *DH*.

He said the decision has support from the Transport Department and Bengaluru police.

Drivers fear the fee will worsen the cab shortage.

"Currently, the cab situation at the airport is not great. Many drivers avoid airport trips as they make little profit from it. Such a penalty will drive more away and especially affect those who are not associated with any cab aggregator platforms," said Sarathi Sabarinath, president of Karnataka Drivers Union.

Cab drivers hope BIAL will roll back the levies, as it did in May 2024 after protests.

Passengers believe the fee will reduce chaos at arrival zones, often crowded by private taxis. Some have reported hooliganism, harassment and fraud by drivers.

"Terminal 1 is crowded by cab drivers. They park their cars there and often make it difficult to reach the taxi you have booked. Also, some of these drivers are rude and try to scam unassuming passengers," said frequent flyer, Aishwarya S.

Sadahalli underpass work by Jan; lone signal on airport road to go

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Sadahalli toll plaza, with a tollable distance of just 22.12 km, handles one lakh vehicles and earns around Rs 1 crore a day. DH FILE PHOTO

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is set to begin work on a 700-metre-long underpass at Sadahalli in northern Bengaluru, which will remove the only signal between Hebbal and the Kempegowda International Airport.

The Rs 35-crore project is expected to start by early January and take 15 months to complete.

The six-lane underpass will sit about six metres below the road level and include drainage, a median strip and landscaping, said KB Jayakumar, Project Director (Bengaluru), NHAI.

"Sadahalli is the gateway to the city of Bengaluru. We want to make it seamless and aesthetically pleasing," he told *DH*.

Pending for years, the underpass will eliminate the signal for airport-bound vehicles, he noted.

It will be located about 500 metres from the Sadahalli toll plaza towards the city, with a surface-level circular roundabout to offer "seamless connectivity" for local traffic.

Construction will use the cut-and-cover method for approximately 50 metres. To ease congestion during the work, the NHAI is creating four service lanes on each side of the highway.

"There are already two lanes. We will add two more using 3–4 metres of the green patch," Jayakumar said.

UPI relief for non-FASTag users

Non-FASTag users will get a 75% discount on the penalty if they pay toll charges via UPI, the NHAI said.

Vehicles entering a toll plaza without a valid, functional FASTag are normally charged double the toll. With UPI, they will be charged 1.25 times.

"We've installed dynamic QR codes at all toll plazas," the official added.

Busiest toll plaza

Despite a tollable distance of just 22.12 km, the toll plaza on National Highway 44 generates Rs 95 lakh to Rs 1 crore in daily revenue, driven largely by vehicles heading to and from the airport, according to the NHAI. With daily traffic of nearly one lakh, it is the busiest toll plaza in Karnataka.

By comparison, another NH 44 toll plaza with a tollable distance of 72 km up to the Andhra Pradesh border generates only Rs 36 lakh a day.

"This toll plaza mainly serves airport traffic. Not many trucks pass through it. Other commercial traffic from Hyderabad to Chennai now uses the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR)," an NHAI official stated.

Despite heavy volumes, the toll plaza doesn't have high wait times. "The infrastructure is adequate for now, but we'll decide on expanding the booths once the underpass is ready," the official added.

Cars, jeeps, vans and other light motor vehicles pay Rs 120 for a single journey and Rs 180 for a return journey within a day. A monthly pass for 50 single journeys will cost Rs 3,970.

Govt drops 'Akash Ward' after objections; renames 13 areas

UDD clarifies no other changes made to November 19 notification

BENGALURU, DHNS

The state government has revised the names and numbers of 13 wards across the five newly formed municipal corporations, barely three weeks after finalising the delimitation of 369 wards under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

Officials said the changes were made after the delimitation commission flagged discrepancies between the government's final notification and the commission's report. Feedback from political leaders may have also played a key role.

One of the most significant revisions concerns the 'Aerocity' ward in the Bengaluru North City Corporation. In the final notification, the ward was listed as 'Akash' ward, triggering controversy as the name matched that of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's son. Yelahanka MLA SR Vishwanath publicly objected to the naming and sought its immediate withdrawal.

The corrigendum restores the name 'Aerocity' and designates it as Ward No 02, possibly because it shares a boundary with the Yelahanka Air Force Station.

Other wards whose names or numbers have been changed include: Raja Kempegowda (01) and Chowdeshwari (03) in Bengaluru North; Shivanapalya (19), Kengeri Kote (20) and Kengeri (21) in Bengaluru West; Yarab Nagar (03) in Bengaluru South; and six wards in Bengaluru East—Anandapura (08), Basavanapura (10), Krishnanagar (11), Devasandra (12), Rajarajeshwari Temple (13), and Doddakannelli (49).

The government has also made minor boundary adjustments in parts of Bengaluru Central and South. In Central, ward boundaries have been modified for Indiranagar and New Thippasandra. In South, adjustments have been made to Doresanipalya (56), Bilekahalli (60), Garvebhavipalya (65), and Singasandra (66).

The Urban Development Department (UDD) clarified that no other changes have been made to the November 19 notification apart from those listed in the corrigendum.

GBA to launch joint survey to acquire 7,000 sqm of land for Ejipura flyover

Construction on the long-awaited flyover on the inner ring road between Kendriya Sadan and Ejipura. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

BENGALURU, DHNS: With the construction of the long-awaited flyover on the inner ring road between Kendriya Sadan and Ejipura gaining momentum, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has decided to acquire about 7,000 square metres of land at four locations to ensure the project's completion.

Establishments likely to part with land include St John's Medical College and Hospital, central government-owned Kendriya Sadan, and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics.

GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Tuesday reviewed land acquisition hurdles and directed officials to take possession of the required land at the earliest. He instructed them to initiate legal action to secure the land, if needed.

It was decided to undertake a joint inspection of St John's Hospital premises, where the GBA requires land at two locations.

Apart from land needed for the flyover, the GBA has identified another 230 square metres of private land for road widening and building a pedestrian pathway.

Engineers in charge of the project stated that the 2.38-km Ejipura Main Road flyover work is progressing rapidly. A total of 762 segments is required for the flyover. Of these, 584 have already been cast. The remaining 178 segments are yet to be completed. Out of the completed segments, 454 have been assembled, they informed.

During the meeting, South City Corporation Commissioner Ramesh KN, Deputy Commissioner Gayathri Nayak, Head of the Legal Cell Chandrashekar Patil, Additional Director of Town Planning Girish, and Chief Engineer Ravi were present.

80 feet road from Hoodi Circle to Hope Farm Junction set for upgrade

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru East City Corporation will develop the 80 feet road between Hoodi Circle and Hope Farm Junction, extending up to Kurudu Sonnenahalli.

The plan includes widening the 150 feet road by taking custody of private properties relinquished to the corporation under the Revised Master Plan 2015.

On Tuesday, Corporation Commissioner DS Ramesh and senior officials inspected the stretch to finalise the development plan.

The corporation will also coordinate with the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board for land acquisition, even if it requires legal action.

Officials inspected the ongoing high-density corridor project, which covers road medians and footpaths.

"The road connecting Kurudu Sonnenahalli to Hoodi is narrow. As per RMP 2015, land acquisition notification has been issued to develop this into a 24-metre-wide road," an official said, adding that land would be acquired through Transferable Development Right (TDR) certificates.

The commissioner also visited vacant land near the BMTC bus depot in Sadaramangala, where a solid waste transfer station is planned.

Traffic cop found dead in lake

BENGALURU, DHNS: A traffic police head constable was found dead in Shettihalli Lake in Bengaluru South district on Tuesday.

Police recovered the body of Lakshman (50) from the lake and sent it for autopsy. Lakshman was attached to the Channapatana Traffic Police Station.

An Unnatural Death Report (UDR) has been registered and a probe is underway.

Preliminary investigation suggests that Lakshman may have accidentally fallen off his two-wheeler while riding home after work. The vehicle was found near the lakebed, police said.

STUDENT FEST

DHiE Expressions kicks off today

BENGALURU, DHNS

The 2025–26 edition of DHiE Expressions, an annual inter-school competition under the Deccan Herald in Education (DHiE) initiative, kicks off in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The three-day event brings students from classes 3 to 10 together on one platform, offering them a space to create, perform and excel across a range of academic and artistic competitions.

Held at Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Cubbon Park, this year's edition features five key events — quiz, painting, spell-bee, word winder and group dance. Each competition is designed to showcase a different aspect of student ability, whether it is quick thinking and problem-solving, creativity and artistic expression, vocabulary and language skills, or general knowledge and stage confidence.

As one of DHiE's flagship student-engagement initiatives, DHiE Expressions gives young learners a larger platform to discover their strengths, challenge themselves and interact with peers from various schools.

The line-up

Dec 3: Quiz (9.30 am), painting (10 am)

Dec 4: Spell-bee (9.30 am), word winder (10 am)

Dec 5: Group dance (9 am)

Student empowerment

The event celebrates discipline, imagination, and healthy competition — values central to DHiE's vision for nurturing confident, articulate, and well-rounded students.

Police probe hoax bomb threat to airport, malls

BENGALURU, DHNS: An email sent to Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh's official ID warning of bomb blasts at the airport and popular shopping malls in the city has been declared a hoax, officials said on Tuesday.

The email was sent from mohitkumar.er989799@gmail.com to compolbcp@ksp.gov.in at 11.53 am on November 30.

"This is a warning from the Jaish-e-Mohammed White collar terror team, we targeted Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, Orion mall, Lulu Mall, Forum South mall, Mantri Square Mall, Lulu Mall for bomb blast at 7pm onwards. Thanks to our allah and our master mohit to serve better to our nation. +91 9368318077 call us if you want to pay and not let this happen (sic)," the email read, as per the FIR.

Case registered

A case was registered on the same day at the cybercrime police station at the police commissioner's office.

"An investigation is currently underway," Raja Imam Kasim P, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime 2), said.

Ayurvedic healer held for cheating techie of Rs 48L

BENGALURU, DHNS: A self-styled ayurvedic healer has been arrested for cheating a techie of Rs 48 lakh and administering concoctions for sexual health that damaged his kidneys, officials said on Tuesday.

Jnanabharathi police arrested Vijay Guruji, who allegedly made the techie buy herbal concoctions, including 'Devaraj Booti' and 'Devaraj Rasabooti', at exorbitant prices. The techie bought different doses at different times for a total of Rs 48 lakh, according to an FIR registered on November 22.

Police are also looking for a medical shop owner who sold the concoctions to the 31-year-old Shivamogga native, who has been working in Bengaluru for three years and lives in Whitefield.

Despite consuming the costly medicines, there was no improvement in the victim's sexual health.

Medical tests instead showed kidney damage, which doctors attributed to the concoctions, according to the FIR.

Senior officers said police are withholding further information about 'Guruji' as the investigation is underway.

29-year-old man found dead in auto; kin allege foul play

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 29-year-old man was found dead in an autorickshaw near Heggananahalli, Kamakshipalya, on Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Hussain, who owned a scrap godown at Chandra Circle in Byadarahalli.

In their complaint, his family alleged that he died when he went to meet his girlfriend in Gajanana Nagar.

The girl's family told Hussain's relatives that he had died by suicide and asked them to come to their house. When his family reached the spot, they found his body in an auto, while the girl's family had fled, the FIR stated.

Preliminary observations suggest a possible case of suicide.

The girl's family had reportedly taken him down from the noose and were taking him to a hospital before abandoning the body.

Police have sent the body for post-mortem and will proceed with further investigation based on the forensic report.

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(अ)	निविदा प्रकाशन एवं डाउनलोड प्रारम्भ तिथि	: 28/11/2025	शुक्रवार	1800 बजे
(ब)	प्री–बिड क्वेरी की प्रारम्भ तिथि	: 29/11/2025	शनिवार	1830 बजे से
(स)	प्री–बिड क्वेरी की अंतिम तिथि	: 03/12/2025	बुधवार	1700 बजे तक
(द)	प्री–बिड मीटिंग	: 04/12/2025	गुरुवार	1200 बजे तक
(इ)	प्री–बिड क्वेरी रिस्पॉन्स अपलोड की अंतिम तिथि	: 05/12/2025	शुक्रवार	1800 बजे तक
(फ)	ऑन लाईन निविदा जमा करने की प्रारम्भ तिथि	: 05/12/2025	शुक्रवार	1830 बजे से
(ग)	ऑन लाईन निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	: 11/12/2025	गुरुवार	1700 बजे तक
(ह)	प्री–क्वालिफिकेशन निविदा खोलने की तिथि	: 12/12/2025	शुक्रवार	1710 बजे के बाद

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Air India Express starts Nagpur-B'luru twice daily service

MUMBAI, DHNS: The Air India Express is now operating twice-daily flights between Nagpur and Bengaluru, its largest hub, enhancing connectivity and offering greater convenience to travellers.

On Monday, the inaugural flight from Nagpur took off at 10:00 hrs and landed in Bengaluru at 12:05 hrs, while the first flight from Bengaluru to Nagpur departed at 07:25 hrs and arrived at 09:30 hrs.

To commemorate the occasion, a special ceremony was held at Nagpur's Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, where the first guests received a celebratory boarding pass.

"With the commencement of our operations from Nagpur today, alongside our upcoming launch from the new Navi Mumbai International Airport, we are further strengthening our presence across Maharashtra. These additions reinforce our focus on enhancing connectivity between non-metro cities and our major hubs, particularly Bengaluru, which continues to grow as our key domestic hub," said Aloke Singh, managing director, Air India Express.

"This expanded network enables guests to enjoy seamless one-stop access across India, the Gulf, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. As we scale our network, we look forward to welcoming more travellers to 'Xplore More, and Xpress More with Air India Express," he added.

Smart meter tenders: HC bins proceedings against George

'No addl benefit to bid winner, changes benefited state'

AMBARISH B
BENGALURU, DHNS:

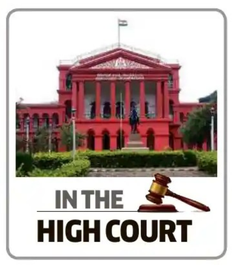
In a relief to Energy Minister K J George and two others, the High Court has quashed the proceedings against them over allegations of illegalities in procuring and installing smart meters across the state.

Justice M I Arun noted that there was no allegation that the terms and conditions of the tender document were altered to favour the successful bidder, while Bescom had subsequently negotiated with the successful bidder to the terms benefitting the utility agency.

Three BJP MLAs — C N Ashwath Narayan, S R Vishwanath and Dheeraj Muniraj — had filed a private complaint before a special court for cases involving MPs/MLAs.

They alleged that the entire tender process was designed to favour Rajashree Electricals Private Limited, the successful bidder. The complaint alleged illegalities in framing eligibility methods of valuation, evaluation of bids and while incorporating the agreed terms and conditions in the contract.

George, former Bescom managing director Mahantesh Bilagi, who died in a road accident recently, and H J Ramesh, Director (Technical), Bescom, had filed separate petitions challenging the proceedings.



They challenged the July 23 order of the special court directing the Lokayukta police to file the report under section 175(4) of BNSS.

Justice Arun noted that it was not the case of the complainants that the petitioners took money at the time of awarding the contract to the successful bidder, but that the entire tender process was designed to favour the successful bidder, which is a shell company and front of George.

"Allegations of the provisions of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act, 1999 (for short 'KTPP Act') being violated or any other improper method of tender process and awarding of the contract, may give rise to a civil cause of action, for the concerned parties who were desirous of making a bid for the contract or it can also be a matter of public interest litigation. However, when the bid was invited by all eligible persons and there were several of them who could have participated and from the persons who have participated, the tender being awarded in favour of the successful bidder, no criminality can be attributed to the accused in the awarding of the contract," Justice Arun said.

The said, "After the tender was awarded to the successful bidder, negotiations have taken place and no additional benefit has been given to the successful bidder. Whatever changes have taken place are for the benefit of the state or as a natural consequence of the business transactions, for which no criminality can be attributed to the accused".

SC stays trial against BSY in POCSO case

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed trial proceedings against former Karnataka chief minister B S Yediyurappa in a sexual harassment case filed under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi passed the interim order while hearing Yediyurappa's plea challenging the Karnataka High Court's refusal to quash the case. "Issue notice. Meanwhile, trial proceedings shall remain stayed," CJI Kant said.

The bench said the notice was being issued primarily to consider remanding the matter back to the high court.

Senior advocate Sidharth Luthra, representing Yediyurappa, said the high court had "ignored key evidence" and failed to consider statements suggesting that "nothing as such happened" during the alleged incident.

"There are certain statements which prosecution suppresses... the high court ignored facts. He has been chief minister four times," Luthra said.

"How can you compel the high court to hold a mini trial," the CJI asked.

The FIR under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act arises from a complaint filed on March 14, 2024 by a woman, now deceased, who alleged that Yediyurappa molested her 17-year-old daughter during a visit to his residence to seek assistance.

She further alleged that the former CM attempted to hush up the incident by offering money.

Based on her complaint, police registered an FIR under various provisions of the POCSO Act pertaining to offences of sexual assault and harassment.

Later, on July 4, 2024, a trial court took cognisance of offences not only against Yediyurappa but also against three others for alleged destruction of evidence and attempts to suppress the case. The Karnataka High Court subsequently quashed this cognisance order as "cryptic" and directed the trial court to reconsider.

Following this, on February 28, the Fast-Track Special Court issued a fresh cognisance order and summoned Yediyurappa and other accused for appearance on March 15.

Yediyurappa challenged the February 28 order and the complaint itself before the high court, saying the allegations were politically motivated and inconsistent.

The high court, however, declined to quash the case last month, prompting the former CM to move the top court.

HC acquits 30 accused in 2011 Toyota protest case

BENGALURU, DHNS

The High Court has acquitted 30 people in a 2011 criminal case relating to a violent protest at Toyota Techno Park in Bidadi.

Justice H P Sandesh directed the Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) to initiate action against the investigating officer Vijayakumar and submit a progress report.

The incident had taken place on the night of March 19, 2011, when certain employees of Toyota allegedly formed an unlawful assembly and attacked the management staff of Stanzen Toyotetsu India Pvt Ltd on the Toyota premises in Bidadi.

In January 2019, a Ramanagar court convicted them all under the Probation of Offenders Act. The employees moved the high court after the sessions court upheld their conviction in February 2020.

Justice Sandesh noted that there were lapses on the part of the investigating officer in the entire incident. The court said that though the incident took place at about 10.30 pm and the police officer reached the spot within 45 minutes and visited it twice later, he did not register the complaint for cognisable offence.

The FIR reached the court two days after the incident without any explanation, even though the officer was present there for nearly 19 hours.

"The proceedings initiated by the IO, is hit by Section 162 and having knowledge about everything that a cognisable offence had taken place, even he did not choose to record the statement of any of the witnesses, either the injured witnesses or persons who have witnessed the incident, but only acted upon after the deliberation and pre-consultation. That too, complaint is received at the instance of the management as admitted and then registered the case. The complaint was given by one of the accused the previous day itself and the same is registered after the registration of case of the management," Justice Sandesh said.

The court further acquitted all 30 employees observing that there was no legal evidence before the trial court to convict them.

Even witnesses have not been spoken to at the first instance by any of the injured persons that the accused persons have assaulted them, but only there was an improvement in the evidence, the court said.

Biklu Shiva murder: HC refuses to cut CID's extended probe period

BENGALURU, DHNS

The High Court of Karnataka has rejected petitions filed by five people accused in the murder of realtor VG Shivaprakash alias Biklu Shiva, challenging the extension of time granted to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to file its final report and to extend their judicial custody.

KR Puram MLA Byrathi Basavaraj is also an accused in the case.

Shivaprakash was murdered on Meanee Avenue Road in Bharathinagar on July 15. The case was transferred to the CID on July 24.

The petitioners — K Kiran, B Vimalraj, Madan R, Pradeep and Samuel — questioned the extension of custody and the time granted to submit the final report under the Karnataka Control of Organised Crime Act. They challenged the trial court's October 17 order rejecting their plea for default bail.

They argued that without the investigating officer's report being placed before the court or included in the public prosecutor's report, the special court lacked material to decide on extending the probe period.

The Additional State Public Prosecutor submitted that the court's power to extend time rests on the reasons cited in the public prosecutor's report, which must show progress of investigation and specific grounds for detaining the accused beyond 90 days.

The report stated that accused number 1, Jagadish alias Jagga, had fled the country and had to be brought back via a blue corner notice. It also said the investigation into the role of MLA Basavaraj, accused number five, could not be completed due to interim protection granted by the high court.

Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav noted that the Supreme Court has held that the public prosecutor may attach the investigating officer's request.

He said that a plain reading of the proviso to Section 22 (2) (b) of the Act does not mandate attaching the investigating officer's report. "The absence of annexing the report of the investigating officer would not denude the legal value to be attached to the report of the public prosecutor," he said.

"This court, considering a petition under Section 482 (CrPC) with its limited jurisdiction, cannot sit in appeal over the conclusion of the designated judge and accordingly, there are no grounds made out for interference with the exercise of such judicial discretion conferred under the statute."

Suvarna Vidhana Soudha protests: HM receives panel report

BENGALURU, DHNS: The one-man commission of retired judge Bannikatti H R that was formed to inquire into untoward incidents during protests near Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi during the winter session of the legislature in 2024 submitted its final report to Home Minister G Parameshwara on Tuesday. Chief minister's legal advisor A S Ponnanna was also present when Bannikatti submitted the report to Parameshwara.

Crude bomb explodes: Bus passengers have narrow escape

▶ **SHIKARIPUR (SHIVAMOGGA DIST), DHNS:** Passengers of a KSRTC bus had a narrow escape as a country-made bomb exploded near Hirekalavatti in the taluk on Monday evening. No one sustained any injury in the incident.

The bus, was proceeding from Mudabasiddhapur to Shikaripur when the bomb exploded on the roadside near Hirekalavatti. As a result, the driver lost control of vehicle and crashed into a transformer on the the roadside. Locals say someone may have deliberately planted the bomb on the road or it was accidentally dropped while it was being taken to be used for hunting pigs. Bus driver Basavaraj told *DH* that he has informed the police that action should be taken against people responsible for explosion.

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Dalit youth's death: Rights group alleges custodial torture

BENGALURU, DHNS: A rights group has alleged that a 22-year-old Dalit youth died after custodial torture by the Vivekanagar police.

PUCL president Arvind Narrain said police "illegally detained, assaulted, and transferred" the victim, Darshan PG, to a rehab centre despite him being "grievously injured". A PUCL fact-finding team visited the family's home in Sonnenahalli, near Viveknagar. The family and PUCL sought protection for Darshan's mother Adilakshmi and wife Ashwini, arrest and dismissal of all Viveknagar police personnel named in the case, invocation of the Atrocities Act, a judicial inquiry, and withdrawal of the CID probe.

Two cops, including a constable identified as Pavan, allegedly beat Darshan outside his house around 1.30 am on November 15 before taking him away. Darshan had allegedly caused panic at a church by flashing a weapon. He was not booked, as the family said he was under the influence of drugs and asked that he be admitted to a rehabilitation centre.

PUCL said Adilakshmi saw him in the lock-up on November 16 and that he was "unable to walk due to the assault". Police then handed him over to the Unity Foundation Rehab Centre near Nelamangala, allegedly telling him to say he "fell off a bike". On November 26, the family received a call from the centre, saying Darshan had died. Doctors informed them of injury marks on his body, raising suspicion of assault. "No one should face assault the way my husband did. The CID should take immediate action against police personnel named in the FIR," Ashwini said.

On November 27, based on the family's complaint, Madanayakanahalli police registered a case and transferred the probe to the CID, which invoked sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh on Tuesday suspended the Viveknagar police inspector.

VENERATION TO VENGEANCE?

Study shows shepherds' changing stance towards wolves

PAVAN KUMAR H
HUBBALLI, DHNS

Younger shepherds no longer consider wolves their 'guardian gods' and consider any lifting of livestock as a loss and threat to livelihood, says a recent study, indicating a generational shift in conservation.

The study is part of a collaborative effort to understand social perspectives in wolf conservation between Europe and India.

It was led by Salvador Lyngdoh, scientist from Wildlife Institute of India, and Filippo Favilli of Eurac Research, Italy. It highlights that earlier shepherds used to consider loss of livestock due to wolves as part of the profession.

But today, the younger generation faces severe financial crisis and lacks awareness on compensation mechanisms.

They have been demanding the government's intervention to curtail the population of wolves. With no succour, they sometimes resort to killing the wolves.

Wolves in the state seem to be staring at extinction due to several factors, including the not-so-friendly attitudes of present-day shepherds, whose livestock are often lifted by the predators.

A 2001-04 survey conducted in the state by a team led by Honnavalli N Kumara recorded the presence of 555 wolves in 19 districts of the state.

A 2022 study by Yadvendradev Vikramsinh Jhala, senior scientist with National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, (through MaxEnt model), says there are fewer than 72 individual wolves in the wild in Karnataka.

With declining natural prey base like blackbucks and other grassland species, wolves are completely dependent on domesticated livestock for survival. This is resulting in conflict.

Conversion of grasslands into agriculture fields, change in agriculture practices, drop in prey base and presence of leopards in habitats are considered reasons for the decline in the population of wolves.

With changing behaviour of shepherds, experts believe wolves stand no chance to survive for long. "There is a major shift in the attitude of shepherds towards wolves. This is a matter of concern. Communities which never used to kill wolves are now lacing carcasses of livestock with poison. This leaves no chance for wolves to survive," says Jhala. He says development work, especially building of highways, is resulting in local extinction of wolves from several grassland habitats.

The study highlights that the economical impact of predation by wolves is resulting in increasing conflict.

"Shepherds above the age of 30 years still consider wolves as their Biroba, Beerappa or Beeranna (Gods) and will not react to wolves lifting livestock. On an average, each shepherd with 60-150 livestock is losing 10-20 sheep/goat due to predation. Such a loss, without compensation, will have a huge economical impact on herders' families," says Salvador.

He says earlier shepherds believed that the presence of wolves will keep their herd healthy by hunting the weakest one. But today, with hardly any compensation, younger shepherds consider wolves a threat and seek government's intervention to control their birth rate.

"Shepherds do not wish to kill wolves, but they do not want the animals to stay around them," says Salvador.

He says there is a need to take pastoral communities into confidence to conserve the predators of grasslands to maintain ecological balance and prevent land use change.

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Hoardings violate guidelines, says top cop

Large LED boards with moving visuals have cropped up at major junctions in the city

RASHMI RAJAGOPAL
TEAM METROLIFE

Over the last few months, large digital advertising boards have come up at major junctions and along busy roads. *Metrolife* spotted them at the Lavelle Road and Vittal Mallya Road junction, on Brigade Road, M G Road and at the Good Shepherd Auditorium on Museum. They are distracting and pose a threat to motorists, civic activists and urban planners say.

Though they are not binding, the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) has some guidelines regarding the use of illuminated boards, points out Karthik Reddy, joint commissioner of police, traffic, Bengaluru.

Bright and glaring digital billboards could put motorists at risks, experts say.
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In its 'Policy on road advertisements', the IRC states that, "illuminated advertisements of the following description are objectionable from the angle of traffic safety and should not be allowed: a) advertisements which contain, include or are illuminated by any flashing, intermittent or moving light or lights except those giving public service information such as time, temperature, weather or date; (b) illuminated advertisements of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair vision of the driver or pedestrians, or which otherwise interfere with any operations of driving; (c) advertisements illuminated in such a way as to obscure or diminish effectiveness of any official traffic sign, device or signal."

The boards are placed on the facade of restaurants, shops and on top of other buildings, and advertise fashion brands, real estate and more. One can put up a board after relevant permissions from the Greater Bengaluru Authority, said a source.

S Purushottam, a 28-year-old techie, commutes to his Richmond Town office from his home in Poorna Prajna Layout on his two-wheeler. He shares that digital billboards with constantly changing visuals are "highly distracting especially during evening rides". Bright screens on dark streets make it difficult to focus, but static displays are "safer". "Brightness and height need regulation, as some are too low and glaring," he adds.

"Most of the larger boards are placed at major junctions," says Jagadish, an advertiser whose board is at the junction of Vittal Mallya Road and Lavelle Road. It is to be noted that the junction does not have traffic lights and witnesses major gridlocks during peak hours and weekends.

"They are not only a distraction but also a drain on resources. Sometimes trees are cut to make these boards more visible," says Rajkumar Dugar, a civic activist. But he believes it is not as dangerous at junctions.

When placed "thoughtfully at junctions or traffic signals", they can be used productively to share messages on safety and proper driving etiquette, believes Vinod Jacob, an urban strategist. "LED digital displays are particularly risky on curves and open stretches," he elaborates.

According to urban planner Sobia Rafiq, these extremely bright moving advertisements are placed at spots that see lots of activity "but that is what makes them dangerous".

Urban designer Brinda Sastry, explains that they contribute to light pollution and visual clutter. "If located near parks or areas with greenery, the brightness can affect local biodiversity," she adds. Regulating the brightness, location and size of boards is important. Backlit signs are preferable as glare is reduced. Public spaces where people gather, pause and linger are ideal for dynamic signboards, she tells *Metrolife*.

Three-day theatre fest this weekend

TEAM METROLIFE

The Bengaluru Theatre Festival (BTF) returns with its second edition from December 5 to 7. The debut edition featured four productions and drew over 4,000 people.

This year's line-up brings together some of the country's most acclaimed theatre artistes.

'Kuch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai' is Anupam Kher's autobiographical solo performance, which examines the unpredictability of life.

In 'Einstein', Naseeruddin Shah portrays the genius and imperfection of the legendary scientist. 'Dhumrapaan', featuring Kumud Mishra, takes a sharp look at corporate chaos, while 'Vodka & No Tonic' is a witty take on romance and modern relationships, starring Lillete Dubey, Ira Dubey and Joy Sengupta.

In 'Nothing Like Lear', actor Vinay Pathak will deliver a humorous take on the Shakespearean classic.

The festival is being presented by Alchemist LIVE. Its CEO and cofounder, Prabhu Tony, says the enthusiastic response to BTF's first season highlights Bengaluru's appetite for performing arts. "Season two will take the experience several notches higher," he says.

December 5 to 7, at Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte, and Good Shepherd Auditorium, Museum Road. For schedule, visit @BengaluruTheatreFestival on Instagram. Tickets online.

34 artists at weekend potters' market

Thirty-four ceramic artists from across India will exhibit and sell their work at the fourth edition of the Bengaluru Studio Potters Market. Last year's event drew an average of 20,000 visitors per day.

This year's market will showcase more sculptural works. Visitors can also expect functional ware such as bowls, saucers, and pourers, as well as home decor items, including Christmas ornaments and wall plates. Prices start at Rs 500 per piece or set.

Kshitija Mitter, a member of the organising committee, says the platform exposes potters to each other's techniques, and helps them reach new audiences. "Last year, many architects and interior designers made contacts here, which translated into business," she says.

Alongside the market, senior artists from Bengaluru will exhibit ceramic artworks in two galleries. "The idea of placing ceramic works in a gallery context is to emphasise that ceramics is a serious art form," Kshitija explains. These pieces start from Rs 50,000.

December 5 to 7, 10.30 am to 7 pm, at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumarakrupa Road. Entry free. Details on @blrstudiopotterscommunity on Instagram.

Angeline S Pradhan will showcase miniatures.

Why Bengaluru is still failing persons with disabilities

NGOs highlight issues with schooling, transport, and UDID access. Today is International Day of Persons with Disabilities

TINI SARA ANIEN
TEAM METROLIFE

Many Bengaluru organisations for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) say Karnataka is among the better states for disability-friendly policies, yet PwDs feel they are denied basic facilities. *Metrolife* spoke to these organisations about the challenges.

Transport issues

S Babu, deputy director — policy and advocacy, The Association of People with Disability, says mobility in Bengaluru remains challenging. Of the state's 13.24 lakh PwDs, 2.74 lakh live in Bengaluru Urban and 18,470 in Bengaluru Rural, as per Census 2011. "Despite this number, using buses is not easy," he notes. Roads and footpaths are not movement-friendly for wheelchair users and the blind, and only a few buses have wheelchair ramps. "Apart from major bus stands, most others lack accessibility," he adds.

Sensory overload

The needs of those with sensory disabilities are still overlooked, says Divya S Karthik, co-founder of Sakya Foundation. Bengaluru has improved access for people with visual and mobility impairments, but "this is not the case for those with autism, ADHD or sensory processing conditions", she adds. People with these conditions experience sensory overload from bright lights, loud or crowded spaces, packed metros, and chaotic queues. "Dedicated coaches for people with sensory disabilities could offer calmer travel," she suggests.

An awareness campaign about the UDID card by the Voice of the Needy, at their Hesaraghatta branch office.

Infrastructure for children

Reuban Daniel, founding trustee and head of operations, PACT India, says most Bengaluru schools are still not inclusive. "City schools rarely have shadow teachers or trained staff. Good schools for PwDs are limited, and the few existing ones are expensive," he adds.

Classroom infrastructure also falls short. "Classrooms are not designed for sensory needs. Even learning material is rarely inclusive, so children are pushed into special schools, which segregates them from society," he says.

Therapy, medical needs

Babu notes that physiotherapy at primary health centres is unavailable for PwDs and there is a lack of medical kits for spinal cord injuries. "Patients cannot always turn to private hospitals or NGOs," he adds.

Divya notes that occupational, speech, and behavioural therapies for children with autism and ADHD are expensive, between Rs 800 and Rs 1,200 for 40 minutes. "Few NGOs specialise in autism, and no government centre offers dedicated support," she says.

Employment prospects are also limited. "Companies are more willing to hire people with visual, hearing, or mobility impairments, than those with autism or ADHD," Divya adds.

UDID card

Arun Kumar S, founder, Voice of the Needy, says there is poor awareness and access to the Unique Disability ID (UDID) card and its schemes. "In Bengaluru Urban, only 50,000-60,000 own it. The lengthy process for issuing the card is a key reason," he notes.

UDID grants access to 40-plus schemes, including monthly financial assistance (Rs 800 to Rs 2,000) according to the disability, scholarships, transport concessions, and free assistive devices.

However, even in major hospitals like K C General and Victoria, he says, "nobody guides patients".

Celebrating persons with disabilities

Online platform
Print.Able, an online platform launched in November 2023, showcases creative work by neurodivergent individuals. Launched with Ajit Chandrasekhar's write-up 'Spring in Bangalore', it has since featured music, art, short films, and also interviews. A six-member team vets all submissions before posting. Visit printable-theblog.blogspot.com or email printable2023@gmail.com

Anthem
'Chamakta Sitaara', an anthem released for International Day for Persons with Disabilities, will be launched by From Mug To Mike with IIM Bangalore on December 3 at the campus. Composed by Sunil Koshy with lyrics by Sahil Sultanpuri, it features six singers, including some with disabilities.

EVENTS

Christmas concert
Kiara Heartsong presents its annual Christmas Concert in support of the Fr. Clement Campos-Kiara Heartsong Paediatric Cancer Fund on December 7, 6 pm, at Jyoti Nivas College auditorium, Koramangala. Tickets online. For further details, contact 98801 00995.

Stamp exhibition
Inddak presents a bird-themed stamp exhibition, showcasing over 18,000 postage stamps worldwide, until December 25, 10 am to 5 pm, Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi. Entry free.

Hindustani concert
'The colours of the Agra gharana', a performance by Hindustani vocalist Ravindra Parchure, will be held on December 5, 6.30 pm, at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. RSVP to bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

POPCORN

Port of kaal

The discussion, after our chief minister met his deputy, is all about what he was served for breakfast. Idli and nati koli saaru is what was on the menu, but kaal soup would have been more appropriate. Last time Siddaramaiah savoured kaal soup—kaal is leg, and the soup is made with mutton—older political observers short of hearing were wondering if good old Karl was back in the reckoning. No, comrades. These are breakfast meetings on kaal. And the call always comes from the high command.

Cubbon Park flower show draws large crowds

Apart from floral arrangements, the show features art and cultural events

SHRADDHA A K
TEAM METROLIFE

The Cubbon Park flower show, which has been trending on social media, has been running since last Thursday. This 11-day edition carries a combined theme — Children's Day and Karnataka Rajyotsava — since it is being held in November.

The idea of the show stems from the 2017 two-day Children's Day special flower show that was organised by the Women and Child Welfare Department, explains Kusuma G, deputy director of horticulture, Cubbon Park. "We decided to host the show as a ticketed event, allowing us to use the profits as a revolving fund, which will be dedicated to the development of the park," she adds.

The flower arrangements depict animals such as elephants, deer, chickens and dolphins, among others. "The showstopper is a model of the 15-foot-tall Hampi wheel, and we even have a Hampi chariot-like model," she adds. An elephant made of bitter gourds has gone viral on social media. "I was surprised to see the elephant go viral; we thought the wheel would be a fan favourite," she adds, as she recalled an AI-generated video of the elephant model dancing.

Kusuma also explains that the flowers will be changed once halfway through the show, and daily touch-ups are being done to maintain a "fresh look". The flower show uses a variety of flowers, ranging from chrysanthemum, roses, marigolds, to petunia, sea lavenders (Limonium) and salvia, to name a few.

The flowers are sourced from farmers in and around Bengaluru, including some from the park.

After the flower show, the flowers will be dried and used as a base for dyes. "We have gotten in touch with NIMHANS, which runs a project that uses flowers to make natural Holi colours," Kusuma says, explaining that the project is a part of their Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS). The initiative is an occupational therapy programme, she adds, noting that the hospital had done something similar after last year's Republic Day flower show.

In addition, cultural events are being held alongside a display of paintings near the bandstand. The paintings are from Rumale Art House and Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath.

Additional security and cleaning staff have been deployed to manage the surging crowds at the flower show.

The show will go on until December 7, 7 am to 6 pm. Entry Rs 30 for adults and Rs 10 for children.

After the 11-day show, the flowers will be used to make natural dyes. Some interesting arrangements include that of vintage cars, chariots, butterflies and elephants.
DH PHOTO / B K JANARDHAN

"Sholay" bike in working condition

The 1942 BSA WM20 two-wheeler, which famously featured in the Hindi song 'Yeh dosti', is currently owned by a B'luru motorcycle enthusiast

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

The iconic motorcycle from 'Sholay', recently displayed by the Karnataka government at the International Film Festival of India in Goa, belongs to L K Atheeq, a retired IAS officer based in Bengaluru. The 83-year-old motorcycle, which features in the film's friendship anthem 'Yeh dosti hum nahi todenge', is still fit for "short rides", says Atheeq, who acquired it around 2022.

Atheeq, current chairman of the Bengaluru Business Corridor, and former additional chief secretary to chief minister Siddaramaiah, believes the exhibit drew attention because people were unaware that the motorcycle is still in existence. The nostalgic moment turned unexpectedly poignant as it coincided with the passing of actor Dharmendra, who played Veeru opposite Amitabh Bachchan's Jai.

Military origins

Often mistaken for a Bullet, the motorcycle is a military vehicle manufactured by the Birmingham Small Arms (BSA) Company. It is a BSA WM20, World War II-era model from 1942. Its Mysore state registration number, MYB 3047, is visible in the nearly six-minute song sequence filmed in Ramanagara, around 50 kilometres from Bengaluru.

Atheeq is no vintage collector, but a motorcycle enthusiast. When he heard about the 'Sholay' bike through a friend, he went ahead with the purchase because it was an "interesting piece of history".

He bought it from one Anjan Reddy from Bengaluru, who was looking to part with it. The motorcycle had either been passed down within Reddy's family or had come from another family in Mysuru. Atheeq is unsure of the details. He is now trying to get more information through the RTO. Along with the motorcycle, he also received a framed 'Sholay' movie ticket from 1975. It was for a balcony seat for a noon show at Mumbai's Excelsior Theatre.

L K Atheeq, retired IAS officer, acquired the 'Sholay' bike from a businessman in Bengaluru around 2022. Its iconic sidecar was missing.

Missing parts

When the bike arrived, it did not immediately evoke its cinematic charm. Its most recognisable feature, the sidecar, was missing. While the exterior was in decent condition and required only a fresh coat of paint and some chrome work, the engine had missing parts such as rings and washers.

"The local mechanic had to source BSA parts from multiple cities like Chennai," Atheeq recalls. The restoration took about six months. Soon after, he took it for a short spin near his home in central Bengaluru, the first and last time he rode it.

Selfie spot

Today, the motorcycle is displayed in his living room and has become a selfie spot for visitors.

Atheeq was 10 when 'Sholay' released. He was visiting Bengaluru from his village Akkirampura in Tumakuru district during the holidays when he found it running to packed houses. He managed to catch it at Kapali Theatre in Majestic. The film, the dialogues, and the song 'Yeh dosti' were all "exciting". The 60-year-old doesn't plan to sell the 'Sholay' bike.

140 performances at Margazhi fest

A month-and-a-half-long dance festival inspired by Chennai's Margazhi season opened in Bengaluru on Tuesday. While Margazhi in Chennai features both music and dance across multiple venues, the Bengaluru festival focuses exclusively on dance and will take place under one roof. The 'Medai Margazhi Festival 2025-26' will present 140 performances, under the theme 'Tradition meets new narratives'. Bharatanatyam is the core of the lineup, alongside Kuchipudi, Mohiniyattam, Odissi and Kathak. Now in its third year, the festival has introduced dedicated segments to showcase both emerging dancers and senior artistes.

Three shows will be held every day from Monday to Friday, with more on weekends. Except for six free shows, all performances are ticketed. The inaugural evening featured a thematic Shiva-Parvati presentation, followed by two Bharatanatyam repertoire recitals.

Until January 16, at Medai, Koramangala. For schedule and tickets, visit @medai.bengaluru on Instagram.

‘Nowhere to go’: Auto drivers battle unsafe public toilets

Poor municipal upkeep remains a key concern for transport workers

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

Women drivers suffer the most, having to choose between health risks and the need to earn. DH PHOTO/BK JANARDHAN

For Bengaluru’s autorickshaw drivers, especially women, the greatest daily challenge is not traffic or fuel costs, but unhygienic public toilets that lead to significant health risks.

Drivers who spend long hours and travel far from home depend entirely on these facilities.

Rajeshwari S, an auto driver, shared: “I do not prefer using public toilets, but sometimes I have no choice. So far, I have contracted urinary tract infections (UTI) twice.”

The situation worsens during menstruation.

Pooja Raju, another driver, explained: “If we do not work during our period, we lose money, but if we do, there is nowhere clean to change sanitary napkins.”

While she avoids public toilets on most days, Pooja said doctors have warned her that holding in urine for long hours is unhealthy.

Men also report health concerns and unbearable stench.

Shivakumar, an auto driver, said: “I start my day as early as 4.30 am and work till 9 pm, so public toilets are our only choice, and the condition is pathetic.”

He stressed that keeping facilities clean is the shared responsibility of the corporation and users.

Medical professionals have validated drivers’ concerns.

Dr Santosh K, Associate Consultant, Urology and Renal Transplantation, said poorly maintained public toilets significantly increase UTI risk.

He warned that women who avoid washrooms and hold urine for long hours, a widespread practice to avoid dirty facilities, face even higher risk.

Dr Caranj S Venugopal, Consultant, Urology and Renal Transplantation, suggested that basic safe practices such as washing hands and using toilet seat covers could help reduce risk. The urgent need for the municipal corporation to upgrade and maintain these facilities remains a critical concern for the city’s transport workers.

German delegation lauds KSRTC’s accessibility push

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) hosted a delegation from Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) on Tuesday, where officials commended its work on accessible public transport.

The visit focused on ‘Dhwani Spandana-On-Board’, an assistive audio navigation system designed to improve bus accessibility for those with visual impairment.

KSRTC Managing Director Akram Pasha briefed the delegation on the project and showcased the national award it received.

The delegation — Christine Toetzke, Director General at BMZ, Barbara Schäfer and Christoph von Stechow — was briefed on the OnBoard system developed by the Raised Lines Foundation and scaled with support from GIZ under the Green Urban Mobility Innovation initiative.

They experienced the device in operation on KSRTC city buses and praised the corporation for adopting user-centric solutions and expanding the system across Mysuru’s fleet, a news release said.

The German delegation with KSRTC Managing Director Akram Pasha and other officials on Tuesday.

Applauds green corridor at Majestic station

The delegation also appreciated Namma Metro’s use of a green corridor.

In a meeting with Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh after visiting the Majestic metro station, officials noted that the station is accessible to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

The chief secretary asked them to meet the managing director of the Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Corporation to explore opportunities for generating solar and wind power across the state.

The delegation will also participate in discussions on infrastructure projects, including tunnel roads and Namma Metro’s Phase 3.

Man kills live-in partner, dies by suicide

BENGALURU, DHNS: A woman in a live-in relationship was killed by her partner, who later died by suicide, in northwestern Bengaluru on Monday night.

Police suspect Lakshminarayana (51) believed that his partner Lalitha G (49) was having an affair. The couple worked at factories in Peenya.

They quarrelled after consuming alcohol. Lakshminarayana allegedly strangled Lalitha and then hanged himself.

Lalitha, from Tumakuru, had moved in with him after her husband’s death. He was from Hyderabad and separated from his wife. They rented a house in Indira Priyadarshini Layout, Rajagopalanagar.

On Tuesday morning, neighbours entered the house after seeing the door open. They found Lakshminarayana hanging and alerted the house owner before calling the police helpline 112. Police found that Lalitha had been strangled.

Based on a complaint by Lalitha’s daughter, police have opened a murder case.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds launches its 15th ‘Brides of India’ campaign

Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the world, has long understood the significance of bridal jewellery in India’s rich cultural fabric. The bridal range brings together designs thoughtfully curated, crafted and developed. With deep expertise in bridal jewellery craftsmanship, the brand has built an unmatched legacy in creating designs that honour the distinct traditions of brides across the country.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds unveiled the 15th edition of its flagship ‘Brides of India’ campaign today, recognised as one of India’s biggest and most anticipated bridal properties. This year’s edition brings together 22 brides and 10 celebrities - Srinidhi Shetty, Karthi, NTR, Alia Bhatt, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Anil Kapoor, Rukmini Maitra, Sabyasachi Mishra, Prarthana Behere and Manasi Parekh - all reflecting the scale, diversity and emotional depth the campaign has come to stand for.

The brand film (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvW1EkLfGH4) is directed by Abhishek Varman with music composed by Shubhajit Mukherjee, bringing together a visual and musical narrative that captures the essence of India’s many bridal cultures and celebrates the rituals, emotions and heritage that shape every bride’s story.

When asked about the significance of the 15th edition, M P Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, said, “Each year, the ‘Brides of India’ campaign is our tribute to the brides of this country, and the 15th edition marks a significant milestone for us. We have highlighted how brides honour tradition while bringing their own expression to it. This edition celebrates the depth of those traditions - the memories, rituals and relationships that define her. With Malabar’s commitment to transparency and quality assurance, we want every family to feel confident in choosing jewellery that is meaningful and trustworthy”.

Celebration of diversity

Malabar Gold & Diamond’s ‘Brides of India’ has always honoured the extraordinary diversity of Indian bridal traditions, and this edition brings the country’s full spectrum into focus. The collection spans every region, offering jewellery crafted for each cultural identity. It includes the regal polki craftsmanship of Rajasthan, the temple-inspired gold artistry of Tamil Nadu, Kerala’s traditional kasavu-inspired bridal gold, and the intricate motifs that define Bengal’s jewellery heritage.

Exquisite collections

The 2025 edition brings together some of Malabar’s signature bridal lines, including the Divine Collection inspired by Indian heritage and temple art, the gemstone-rich Precia Collection featuring rubies, emeralds and sapphires, and the contemporary, yet tradition-rooted, Diamond Collection which blends radiant diamonds with motifs drawn from India’s cultural landscape. Together, these collections form a vivid tapestry of Indian bridal identity and continue the rich legacy that ‘Brides of India’ has built over the last 15 years.

What makes the collection even more special is its pan-India accessibility, allowing any bride, anywhere, to choose jewellery from any cultural style. A bride in Chennai can opt for an elaborate Rajasthani polki set, just as a bride in Delhi can bring home temple jewellery from the south, a reflection of Malabar’s extensive design archive and customisation expertise.

From the quiet charm of Karnataka’s temple towns to the vibrant spirit of its coastal belts, the brides of Karnataka’ carry a unique rhythm shaped by their heritage. Malabar’s designs echo this cultural depth, offering pieces inspired by the grace, elegance and individuality that define brides across the state.

Curated by DH Brandspot

Sixth Yellow Line train arrives in city

BENGALURU, DHNS: All six coaches of the sixth trainset for Namma Metro’s Yellow Line have arrived in the city, completing a fortnight road journey from Kolkata.

A senior BMRCL official said three coaches arrived at the Hebbagodi depot over the weekend, with the remaining ones following later.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) officials will run static and dynamic tests on the train, after which it will enter passenger service around the third week of December.

With the sixth train, peak-hour frequency will improve to about 12 minutes. The BMRCL is also expected to advance the start of the Yellow Line operations. Currently, train services start at 6 am, as against 5 am on the Purple and Green lines.

RBV CV Raman Science Fair

BENGALURU, DHNS: Rotary Club of Bangalore and Rotary Bangalore Vidyalaya hosted the expanded RBV CV Raman Science Fair, featuring 19 innovative projects from 11 schools.

Students showcased models on renewable energy, farming, safety systems and environmental solutions. Dignitaries visited exhibits, encouraging young innovators.

Winners included Daffodils Foundation (1st), RBV (2nd) and BGS World School (3rd), with a special award for Daffodils English School. The fair highlighted creativity, curiosity and real-world scientific thinking.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Lecture: ‘Challenges of Constructing Concrete Roads in the Himalayas’ by Nagesh Puttaswamy; Bangalore Institute of Technology, VV Puram; 6 pm.

Book release: ‘Basavagita Satyasamvad’; NS Boseraju to attend; Basava Seva Pratishthan; Gandhi Bhavan, Kumarakrupa Road; 10.30 am.

CULTURAL

Drama performance: ‘Misunderstanding’ by Rangashala; Directed by Vinay Neenasam; Nataka Bengaluru; Kalagrama, Mallattahalli; 6 pm.

‘Maruti Pratap’ Yakshagana: Nandikeshwara Prasadita Yakshagana Mandali Mekkekattu Shiriyar; Kashi Vishwanath Temple Complex, Judicial Layout, Yelahanka; 6 pm.

RELIGIOUS

Hanuman Jayanti Mahotsav: Kote Sri Anjaneyaswamy Temple; Krishna Rajendra Road; 7.30 am.

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◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with light rain

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	26.6°C
Minimum	19.2°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	84%
Sunset (Dec 3)	5:21 pm
Sunrise (Dec 4)	6:27 am
Moonrise	5:21 am
Moonset	3:22 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

CORRIGENDUM-2 AGAINST TENDER NOTICE NO. CON/2025/OCT/04 DATED: 24-10-2025

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3	40252786	High voltage fuse rating 125 A	1569 Nos.	30/12/2025
4	40252623	Self priming Mono block Pump 0.5 HP	1662 Nos.	01/01/2026
5	50225207 B	Supply of Electric Point Machine [Rotary locking Type] 110 V DC	72 Nos.	12/01/2026
6	65255012	Supply, Installation, Testing, training & commissioning of Hydraulic Re-railing equipment	01 Set.	12/01/2026
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The last date for submitting applications has been extended up to 15.12.2025

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Defendant : Shiraz Mohiuddin,
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India imported 42,230 tonnes of arecanut last fiscal: Goyal

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday told Lok Sabha that India imported 42,236.02 tonnes of arecanut valued at Rs 1,208.34 crore in 2024-25 & exported 2,396.26 tonnes valued at Rs 105.84 crore.

Replying to Shimoga MP B Y Raghavendra, he said India imported 16,150 tonnes of arecanut in 2016–17, which rose to 42,236 tonnes in 2024–25. The import had peaked at 78,233 tonnes in 2022–23.

It is mainly imported from Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Indonesia, Bangladesh, UAE, Nepal, Oman, Malaysia, Singapore & Thailand. But the bulk of imports come from SL, Myanmar and Indonesia. In 2015–16, India exported 6,284 tonnes of arecanut and it fell to 2,396 tonnes in 2024–25.

Nothing permanent in politics, says Siddu after breakfast at Shivakumar's house

CM's remarks casual, clarifies Sagar MLA Gopalakrishna Belur

BENGALURU, DHNS

Just hours after breakfast with his deputy D K Shivakumar, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah made a cryptic, but lucid remark that nothing was permanent in politics during a candid chat caught on hot mics on Tuesday.

"I've never taken to worrying too much. Let's see what happens. Is politics my father's property? Politics isn't permanent," Siddaramaiah was heard and seen saying to Congress MLA Belur Gopalakrishna while leaving the Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday afternoon.

Siddaramaiah's remarks, made as if he wanted news cameras to capture them, led to speculation in political circles that he was indirectly trying to send a message to the Congress high command, which is adjudicating on his tenure.

Gopalakrishna, the Sagar MLA, clarified that Siddaramaiah's remarks were casual.

"I asked him how his breakfast at Shivakumar's (residence) was. He said it was good and asked me about my colourful dress. I said I aspired to be happy like him. That's when he made those casual remarks," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has breakfast at Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's residence in Bengaluru on Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday, Siddaramiah was hosted by Shivakumar for breakfast.

Brother in attendance

Shivakumar's brother D K Suresh, a former MP, and Kunigal MLA Dr HD Ranganath also joined the breakfast meeting.

Last Saturday, Siddaramaiah hosted Shivakumar for breakfast. Both have maintained that they would abide by the party's decision on their leadership tussle.

HM sees 'nice development'

Meanwhile, Home Minister G Parameshwara termed the breakfast meeting between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar as a "nice development" and hoped that all issues were settled.

"All we want is a peaceful settlement of whatever transpired over the month or so," he said.

Parameshwara is also a chief ministerial aspirant. Asked about demands that he should become the chief minister, he said, "Different people have different aspirations. I don't think it's wrong. It's natural for people wanting to see their own leaders (as chief minister) and express their aspirations".

CM gets Mysuru-style non-vegetarian fare

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, a native of Mysuru, was treated to a breakfast that had naati koli (country chicken) curry with idlis at his deputy D K Shivakumar's residence on Tuesday.

"I gave him a Mysuru breakfast," Shivakumar said. Siddaramaiah pointed out that Shivakumar's wife was from Mysuru. "When I hosted Shivakumar for breakfast, I got a vegetarian breakfast prepared," Siddaramaiah said, referring to idlis and upma that the DCM had last Saturday.

"Shivakumar is a vegetarian and I'm a non-vegetarian. I asked Shivakumar to get chicken from the countryside. Here, we don't get original country chicken," Siddaramaiah said.

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Home minister

"Different people have different aspirations. I don't think it's wrong. It's natural for people wanting to see their own leaders (as chief minister) and express their aspirations.

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R ASHOKA
Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly

"This truce is just an interval. The fight within the Congress has become akin to the fights in the Bigg Boss reality show. G Parameshwara and Satish Jarkiholi are waiting for their turn as wildcards.

Opposition slams parleys; truce an interval, says Ashoka

Peace brokered over a piece of chicken: Suresh Kumar

BENGALURU, DHNS

The opposition BJP on Tuesday slammed the second breakfast meeting between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar at the latter's residence.

Addressing reporters during a news conference, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R Ashoka said: "A few days ago there was a breakfast meeting in Siddaramaiah's house and today it was in D K Shivakumar's residence. This scene is directed by Sonia Gandhi, the screenplay is by Rahul Gandhi and K C Venugopal has written the dialogues."

The two breakfast meetings come at a time when D K Shivakumar has been trying to stake his claim to the chief minister's position on the basis of an alleged "power-sharing agreement."

Ashoka slammed the government, stating that it was ignoring issues such as the problem of pothole-ridden roads and farmers' issues.

Terming the breakfast meetings a "patch-up" from December 8-18 (when the winter session of the legislature will be held in Belagavi), he said: "This truce is just an interval. The fight within the Congress has become akin to the fights in the Bigg Boss reality show. G Parameshwara and Satish Jarkiholi are waiting for their turn as wildcards."

Ashoka said the BJP-JD(S) combine would highlight the issues of North Karnataka during the session and target the ruling Congress based on Siddaramaiah's commitment on the floor of the House.

Rajajinagar BJP MLA S Suresh Kumar felt the truce was "too fragile."

"Obviously, the ruling party has to marshal all its resources and wherewithal to face the onslaught of the vigilant and strident Opposition. Naturally, the treasury benches cannot afford to be divided – at least in the open in front of the Opposition. Hence, this truce brokered over a piece of chicken," Kumar said.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), JD(S) state youth president Nikhil Kumaraswamy slammed the "breakfast diplomacy."

"Breakfast diplomacy on high command orders after @INCKarnataka's poster chaos. In Karnataka, this cabinet has only one active ministry, the Ministry of Breakfast, while the rest remain on a permanent fast," he said.

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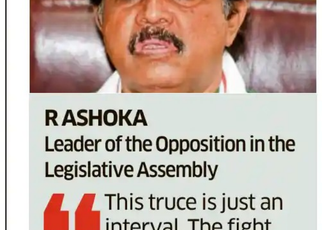

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LS to debate electoral reforms as govt, Oppn strike deal

SIR, From Page 1

Leaders present said Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal will reply on the issue in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The Rajya Sabha is expected to hold a similar discussion after the Lower House.

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju described the meeting as fruitful.

"On December 9, there will be a discussion on electoral reforms. When we discuss reforms in elections, we can take up any issue related to elections and their process in our country. For a parliamentary democracy, the election process is important," he said.

"My special appeal to all members, especially those in the Opposition, is to cooperate fully with the decision taken... (We must) enrich parliamentary democracy by making substantive and important contributions during discussions and debates," Rijiju said.

An informal meeting between Opposition floor leaders and Rijiju was also held, but it did not result in an agreement. Sources said the government wanted a two-day discussion on Vande Mataram, while the Opposition opposed it.

Samajwadi Party's Dharmendra Yadav said the government could have agreed to a discussion in the last session.

"It is worth pondering why the government did not allow a debate then and let Parliament function. It would have saved us the time of an entire session," he said after the meeting.

The government has been insisting on a discussion on Vande Mataram, with the prime minister's remarks last month — alleging that the Congress had cut out stanzas from the song — seen as a precursor to the demand. However, a Parliament bulletin on rules, reissued by the government, has sparked controversy by stating that salutations and slogans such as "Thanks", "Thank you", "Jai Hind" and "Vande Mataram" should not be raised. Government sources pointed out that the rules date back to the tenure of former vice-president Hamid Ansari.

On Tuesday, Rajya Sabha MPs Priyanka Chaturvedi and Arvind Sawant wrote to Chairman CP Radhakrishnan, urging him to withdraw the circular.

'Explore the why': IISF 2025 curtain-raiser ignites curiosity

BENGALURU, DHNS: The India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025 officially began its countdown on Tuesday with a curtain-raiser event at the CSIR–National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) in the city.

Held under the JIGYASA Programme, the event gathered students, teachers and science enthusiasts, highlighting the festival's mission to promote scientific temper.

The keynote address was delivered by Krishna Kumar M, retired principal research scientist from the Centre for Electronics Design and Technology (CEDT), IISc. Drawing from his extensive experience, he urged students to "cultivate the habit of exploring the 'why' behind everyday phenomena."

Kumar emphasised that science is not limited to textbooks but is deeply rooted in daily life, serving as a powerful tool to solve societal and household hurdles. He encouraged the students to observe, think critically, and experiment, sharing inspiring anecdotes of how simple questions led to significant research breakthroughs.

The enthusiasm was ignited through guided visits to key CSIR-NAL facilities, giving students first-hand exposure to cutting-edge research:

Flight simulator facility: Students experienced the fundamentals of aircraft control and simulation-based engineering.

DRISHTI: The visit showcased indigenous technologies developed for runway visibility.

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SAD DEMISE

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25,675.39 MW renewable energy infra in K'taka: Joshi

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi on Tuesday informed Rajya Sabha that a total of 25,675.39 MW capacity of renewable energy systems have been installed in Karnataka so far, which is around 10.24 % of the total 2,50,643.45 MW capacity of renewable energy installed across the country.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) is a demand-driven scheme for the installation of rooftop solar (RTS) systems, wherein all residential consumers in the country having grid grid-connected electricity connection of the local DISCOM can avail the benefits of the scheme by applying on the National Portal of the scheme.

As of 26.11.2025, a total of 18,72,499 RTS systems have been installed, benefitting 23,47,694 households, under the scheme across the country. Out of these, a total of 14,151 RTS systems have been installed, benefitting 22,313 households, in the state of Karnataka, the minister said.

In the Belagavi district, a total of 25,778 applications have been submitted on the National Portal and 681 households have been benefitted with installations of rooftop solar under the scheme as of November 26, this year, Joshi said.

Fund release

Joshi also said that a total amount of Rs 351.94 crore has been released as Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for the development of the Pavagada Solar Park with a capacity of 2000 MW and its power evacuation infrastructure under the scheme for Development of Solar Parks and Ultra-Mega Solar Power Projects. The Pavagada Solar Park has been fully operational with 2000 MW capacity since December 2019.

The major lessons learnt for future projects include the timely availability of land and advanced planning of transmission infrastructure for large-scale development of solar projects.

As per the inputs received from the Government of Karnataka, there are currently no plans for setting up solar or wind energy parks in North Karnataka, specifically in Belagavi district, Joshi said.

Centre designates Dakshina Kannada as district export hub

Seafood, cashew potential export products

KARNATAKA in PARLIAMENT

NEW DELHI, DHNS:

The Centre on Tuesday said that it had designated Dakshina Kannada as a district export hub under the Districts as Export Hubs (DEH) initiative, with seafood and cashew added as potential export products.

Replying to a question by Dakshina Kannada MP Captain Brijesh Chowta, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Jitin Prasada informed Lok Sabha that the recognition underscores the district's strong export potential and aligns with ongoing efforts to promote balanced and sustainable economic growth across the country.

The identified focus areas under this initiative are expected to further strengthen local industry, enhance value-added activities and expand market opportunities for enterprises in the region.

The designation is aimed at fostering increased participation in global trade and supporting long-term development within the district, the reply said.

Under the DEH initiative, the government is undertaking a structured process to identify and address district-specific export bottlenecks, including those relating to logistics, connectivity and warehousing, he said.

For DK district, a District Export Action Plan (DEAP) has been formulated, highlighting requirements for improved export infrastructure, including enhanced first-mile linkages to New Mangalore Port, augmentation of warehousing and consolidation facilities, and support infrastructure for identified export products.

Further, a District Export Promotion Committee (DEPC) has been constituted to facilitate coordinated action among district authorities, exporters, port authority, customs, logistics agencies and relevant state and central departments.

Through this mechanism, infrastructure-related requirements identified in DEAP, including port-connected warehousing and logistics support, are being taken up with the concerned implementing agencies for appropriate consideration, the minister said.

The DEH initiative serves as a facilitative and consultative framework to ensure that district-level export requirements are aligned with ongoing and proposed infrastructure development efforts in the region, including those associated with New Mangalore Port, thereby strengthening the overall export ecosystem in the district.

This initiative also supports local value-chain development, Prasada said.

MGNREGS dues of Rs 622 cr pending for state

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed Lok Sabha that a total of Rs 622 crore was yet to be released to Karnataka under MGNREGS.

A total of Rs 8.94 crore as wages, Rs 576 crore in material component and Rs 37 crore in administrative expenditure are pending release for Karnataka by Union Ministry of Rural Development, the minister said in his written answer.

Electric buses

Minister of State for Steel & Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma informed Lok Sabha that a total of 4,500 electric buses were allotted to Bengaluru under the PM-E-Drive scheme.

Replying to Bengaluru South Lok Sabha member Tejasvi Surya's question, the minister said under FAME-II (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles) scheme, 1,221 electric buses were allotted to Bengaluru and all were being operated.

At KIA, make pick-ups snappy...

KIA, From Page 1

According to BIAL, with roughly one lakh vehicles traversing the airport's road network, there's "significant" strain on its landside facilities, particularly the kerbside (drop-off and pick-up lanes) in front of the terminals.

"Prolonged waiting by private cars and cabs creates artificial congestion, hindering traffic flow and inconveniencing passengers and drivers. To address this, BIAL is introducing lane segregation system to enforce discipline, prevent unauthorised parking and reduce dwell times. This will ease kerbside congestion and deter misuse of pick-up zone in front of terminals," it stated.

The airport, India's third-largest, serves 1.3 lakh passengers a day on average.

"With traffic continuing to rise, especially during travel season, it becomes essential to maintain discipline at pick-up zones, not as enforcement, but as a way to protect travellers, ensure orderly movement and strengthen trust in the system," said Hari Marar, MD and CEO, BIAL.

BIAL asked travellers and cab operators to use only designated pickup points and authorised aggregators like Airport Taxi, Uber, Ola, Quick Ride, OHM electric cabs and WTI cabs. Any deviation, including halting in unauthorised areas, blocking lanes or overstaying beyond permitted waiting duration, will attract fines, applicable to both cab operators and individuals.

In May 2024, BIAL had imposed similar fees but suspended them following an outrage from cab drivers.

Under "stay and overstay" system, private vehicles were allowed free access for first 7 minutes. Drivers paid Rs 150 for 7-14 minutes. Commercial vehicles paid Rs 150 for first 7 minutes and Rs 300 for 7-14 minutes. A BIAL spokesperson said unlike last time, free usage limit was up (from 7 to 8 minutes) and "sufficient" time was being given so that users could plan in advance.

DKS will become CM when high command decides: Siddu

DKS, From Page 1

"I have read in the newspapers that the Opposition wants to move a no-confidence motion and raise a host of issues. The government will aggressively face them," Siddaramaiah said.

While Siddaramaiah did most of the talking to reporters, Shivakumar said all MLAs were "united" and there were no differences. "We are with one voice. There are no differences in the party; it is only media creation," he said, adding that he also discussed with the CM the finalisation of four MLC election tickets.

Visit to Delhi

Over breakfast, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar discussed visiting New Delhi to convene a meeting with Karnataka MPs on December 8.

"Most likely, on December 8, the Assembly will be adjourned as a sitting member -- H Y Meti -- passed away. So, we want to call a meeting of MPs on that day," Siddaramaiah said, adding that MPs will be asked to raise state-specific issues.

Siddaramaiah said he would meet the party's top brass "if given an appointment".

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, Siddaramaiah said he would meet Venugopal at an event in Mangaluru. On the sidelines of the event, it is possible that Siddaramaiah may broach the topic of his tenure.

Litigant claims 21k acres...

Forest, From Page 1

6,000 acres at one go

Among the petitions is WP 25126 of 2025 which lays claim to a whopping 6,260 acres reserved forest in Hassan, a district hit by man-animal conflict. It prays to the high court to direct the Sakleshpur tahsildar to enter Gowda's name in the RTCs by pointing to an alleged regrant order dating back to May 1975.

Further, it accuses the forest department of "encroaching" his land and seeks "alternative land or compensation".

Sources said the trail of documents in several cases seems to be bogus. "Even a cursory look raises suspicion on the genuineness of the documents. The entire matter will be placed before the court along with a request to condone the delay," the source said.

Interestingly, no FIR is registered against Gowda though Assistant Conservator of Forest, Mudigere sub division filed a case with the police on November 28. The complaint, based on a September 2024 assistant commissioner's order, pointed to forging of documents to grab 512.26 acres land in several villages of taluk. Police had said they were waiting for the regional forest officer to submit additional documents before filing the FIR. Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar B Khandre said he was surprised that the police case was not filed, considering the urgent need to investigate a larger conspiracy.

"I will speak to the authorities concerned to understand the delay in registering the FIR. This is a high priority case. There seems to be some influential people behind Gowda using him as a proxy. We have launched a coordinated effort to take these cases to a logical end and arraign everyone involved," he said.

Meanwhile, in view of the fact that Gowda's claim includes over 5,000 acres of revenue land, Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Rajender Kumar Kataria has ordered the legal section to coordinate with the forest department.

"Even as we work with the forest department to fight for forest lands, I have directed officials to look into all the document trails to defend revenue lands," he said.

In a first, GBA sacks officials...

Khata, From Page 1

The order had put a stop on bifurcating sites without following norms, as such practices cause not only to revenue loss but also to reduction in required open spaces. The six officers were found to be involved in three illegal actions.

Firstly, 'B' khatas were issued to 49 sites formed on 1 acre and 35 guntas of land in Survey No. 31/2 of Naganathapura village, developed by Sanskruti Developers. In the second instance, 27 sites were formed on 10.12 guntas of land in Basavanapura by Rita Fernandes & others. The third case involves formation of 52 sites on 2.11 acres in Begur belonging to Kamalamma.

None of the sites had got approval to form layouts, to avoid providing adequate roads, open spaces, relinquishment of land, etc. Some sites had even got e-khatas, indicating that even a supposedly fool-proof system can be manipulated with help of corrupt officials.

As khata is now mandatory for registering sites, revenue officials reportedly created revenue certificate purely on basis of self-affidavits submitted by 128 individuals, without proof of ownership. "They entered details in manual register, and when they attempted to create e-khata entries, the issue came to light," officials said.

With GBA empowered to act against officers, without waiting for nod of Urban Development Department, officials say more such action will be initiated in future.

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'Bench hunting' puts judicial finality at risk

The Supreme Court's criticism of a recent trend where a new bench overturns judgments delivered by a previous bench is timely and pertinent, as it could undermine the idea of judicial finality and continuity that the court represents. It could also hurt its credibility. Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine Masih last week described the practice as "painful" and detrimental to the judiciary's integrity and public trust. The court observed that allowing a prior verdict to be reopened simply because a later bench perceives a different view as "better" undermines the fundamental purpose of Article 141. Article 141, which makes the Supreme Court's judgments binding on other courts, ensures consistency and finality in legal pronouncements. 'Bench hunting' for a different outcome would erode the Supreme Court's authority, and the value of its decisions. Justice B V Nagarathna has also voiced her concern over the trend and said verdicts should not be "tossed out" merely because the judges who authored them have changed or demitted office.

There have been some recent cases of a bench of the Supreme Court overturning an earlier ruling after one of the judges who authored the ruling retired. Last month, it recalled its earlier ruling that had barred retrospective environmental clearances for development projects. In October, a bench headed by Justice B R Gavai relaxed the ban on crackers in Delhi imposed earlier by a bench of Justice Oka and Justice Bhuyan. Last month, a special bench of the court revised an earlier ruling on stray dogs issued by another bench in August. Answering the presidential reference on the grant of assent to bills by governors, the apex court gave an opinion contradicting an order issued by a bench earlier this year. The government had made a presidential reference to the court instead of appealing the earlier ruling or seeking its review, which are the normal options available for reversal or modification of a judgment.

The trend of quick reversals threatens the Supreme Court's role as the final arbiter of law

When the court pronounces a judgment on a matter, it should be the last word on it. That is why the Supreme Court is supreme. It is wrong for a different bench of the court to revise that judgment in a few months. The court has, under Article 137, the power of judicial review, which enables it to revisit earlier judgments. This is to rectify weaknesses in earlier judgments, or to review it in the light of new circumstances. For example, the 2017 Puttaswamy judgment, which recognised the right to privacy, corrected an earlier restricted view of the right. But the current trend is troubling, because it is emerging as a method to get around or reverse unfavourable judgments. If new judgments keep reversing past judgments, the Supreme Court's authority will be eroded, and its decisions will be devalued.

Urgent action needed on child poverty

The 'State of the World's Children, 2025' report, released by the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), highlights the extensive and elevated levels of child poverty in India, and underlines the need to eliminate it as a national priority. The report says that extreme child poverty is declining across the world, but India still carries one of the largest burdens of multidimensionally deprived children. It says more than one in five children in low- and middle-income countries, about 400 million globally, are deprived of at least two factors critical for their health: development and wellbeing. About 206 million Indian children experience at least one deprivation, and one-third of them face two or more. All areas, including nutrition, education, health, housing, and sanitation, need improvement. The national multidimensional poverty rate in India dropped from 29.2% to 11.3% between 2013-2014 and 2022-2023, and about 248 million people were lifted from a state of abject poverty. But children, who constitute the most vulnerable segment of the population, are most affected. Climate change affects children more than others. Four out of five children are exposed to at least one extreme climate hazard annually.

Unicef report serves as both a call to action and a warning for India's future

India will lose the potential benefit of its demographic dividend if it does not seriously address its problems of child deprivation. Every child has the right to a life without hunger, and to health and education, and it is the duty of the State to meet these basic needs. There are policies and schemes at the central and state levels that cater to the needs of children, but they need to be better framed, targeted, and implemented. The 2025-2026 Union Budget allocated Rs 26,890 crore for the Ministry of Women and Child Development, which included allocations for child welfare schemes. But the ministry's share in central expenditure has fallen from 0.96% in 2015-2016 to 0.5% in 2025-2026. That shows that children's welfare has received decreasing attention over the last 10 years.

While the general poverty and deprivation need to be addressed, the needs of children should be addressed separately, and they call for special attention. This idea has been recognised, but it needs more effective implementation for better outcomes. India has the largest number of stunted and underweight children in the world. The working of anganwadis needs improvement, and health and educational policies that benefit children should be better implemented. Technology is available for the implementation of schemes and policies, and for their monitoring. Unicef has a five-point programme for child wellbeing, which includes freedom from poverty and a life that ensures health, learning, security, and a clean environment. India should take the Unicef report as a suggestion for action, and a warning.

DEMOCRATIC DEFICIT

Air pollution protests and Centre's fragility

The crackdown signals insecurity, showing intolerance for dissent even from sympathetic constituencies

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The conclusion of COP30, with its emphasis on 'collective effort', underscored the global acceptance that climate action now demands more than solemn declarations. Governments are expected to translate commitments into verifiable outcomes, expand proven solutions, and demonstrate political will in the face of mounting ecological strain. This shift from rhetoric to implementation has placed all nations under scrutiny. Against this backdrop, the Delhi Police's crackdown on recent environmental demonstrations is not only unconstitutional and repressive, but also markedly at odds with the spirit of cooperation COP30 was meant to embody.

Since Diwali, Delhi has witnessed significant protests — rooted in concerns over the city's hazardous air quality and the State's failure to address it with urgency and scientific rigour. Each year, despite warnings from environmental agencies and the medical community, the festival sees a resurgence of firecrackers, with regulatory directives diluted, or selectively enforced. Firecrackers, however, are only one part of the problem; stubble burning, construction dust, vehicular emissions, industrial pollution, and unfavourable weather conditions all contribute to winter smog.

Amid these concerns, young residents gathered peacefully at well-known public spaces, demanding accountability, time-bound action plans, and transparency from the government. The response was swift and brutal. Images circulated of police personnel dragging, beating, and detaining protestors. Several were held for hours without clear charges. The scenes of students and young professionals being shoved into buses revealed an unmistakable hostility toward civic engagement. That such force was deployed against citizens raising concerns about a universally acknowledged public health crisis only intensified the dismay.

Environmental protests are far from new in India, nor is repression by governments. The Hasdeo Arand Forest Protests in Chhattisgarh remain one of the most sustained ecological movements in India. Indigenous communities have opposed extensive coal mining in the biodiverse region, alleging that gram sabhas were coerced into giving consent. Activists have faced opposition for resisting private mining interests, including those of the Adani Group. Similarly, the Save Aarey Movement in Maharashtra, led by Adivasi activist Prakash Bhoir alongside local tribal communities and urban allies, sought to protect the Aarey forest from the Metro 3 car shed project. Despite years of peaceful mobilisation, protestors were met with detentions, lathi-charges, and accusations of obstructing development.

These movements represent a long tradition of ecological resistance, particularly among Adivasi communities whose lives are tied to land and forest. Yet they rarely capture the national imagination. Media structures remain

biased towards urban-centric narratives, and issues affecting marginalised groups are frequently sidelined or invisibilised.

The protests in Delhi differ from these earlier movements in ways that pose a unique political challenge for the Centre.

The first source of complexity stems from the identity of the protestors. The participants were overwhelmingly young, urban, upper-caste, and middle-class — demographics that have historically formed the Bharatiya Janata Party's core support base. The worldview prevalent in this constituency has often treated ecological concerns raised by remote or indigenous communities as peripheral or parochial. That characterisation collapses when dissent arises from within its own ranks, among those typically aligned with the Centre's development narrative. Their mobilisation signals a widening gap between middle-class expectations and governmental performance, particularly on issues that affect public health and quality of life.

Second, the standard political strategy of neutralising dissent through delegitimisation becomes harder to deploy. Protest movements have repeatedly been labelled 'anti-national', 'urban Naxal', or 'secessionist'. The case of Disha Ravi remains emblematic: a young climate activist charged with sedition and criminal conspiracy for editing a protest toolkit during the farmers' movement. In the current situation, such accusations lose potency. Air pollution in Delhi is measurable, visible, and experienced by all residents, albeit with uneven severity. The grievance cannot be dismissed as manufactured or conspiratorial. The lived reality of toxic smog, cutting across class and ideology, undermines attempts to portray protestors as enemies of the State.

The third reason the protests represent a distinctive challenge lies in their political economy implications. The Centre's economic approach — marked by concentrated benefits for corporate actors, extensive privatisation, and elite-led growth — has been accompanied by significant inequality and persistent joblessness. Until now, discontent has been diluted by targeted cash transfers, tax cuts, and diversion through emotive identity politics. Environmental degradation in the capital, however, cannot be managed through spectacle or rhetorical diversion. It represents a fundamental threshold for governance, where public patience wears thin and daily discomfort turns into anger. These protests reveal the limits of a model that sidesteps structural issues in favour of symbolic politics.

The heavy-handed response, therefore, is indicative of insecurity. A ruling establishment assured of its legitimacy would have engaged with citizens and demonstrated a willingness to act. Instead, the crackdown suggests an intolerance for dissent, even when it arises from sympathetic constituencies and centres on urgent, fact-based concerns.

In a moment when global forums call for shared responsibility and robust action on climate change, it is troubling that the State should choose coercion over cooperation with its own citizens. The protests in Delhi have highlighted a simple truth: ecological crises are not peripheral, and those who speak up are not adversaries. Suppressing them undermines democratic norms and disregards the collective well-being the government is duty-bound to protect.

The Centre may succeed in dispersing protestors today, but frustration over unbreathable air will only return with greater force. A State that refuses to listen risks isolating itself and deepening the resentments it seeks to suppress. At a time when the world urges collective effort, genuine leadership must begin with respecting the voices at home.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Upper berth, undivided

An RAC ticket in the Indian Railways forged a blanket bond between us

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I love travelling by trains. Indian Railways has a lot to offer. The beautiful landscapes, lush green fields, sparkling water bodies – windows on the train can be a feast to the eyes and peace to the soul. One must not forget the fair fare, exclusive knick-knacks and delicious goodies that keep you entertained and gratified. But what attracts me the most is undoubtedly the long hours of sleep I can catch up on, and this always pushes me to opt for the upper berth. This choice helps in avoiding unwanted disturbance that can occur in lower and middle berths, thereby allowing me to grab extra hours of sleep.

There are many memorable experiences of train journeys for me, but one that stands out happened nearly 25 years ago. I was a newly married young bride. My husband and I combined our trip and writing an entrance exam for a postgraduate course in the northernmost part of India. The month was December, and it was unbearably cold, especially for South Indians like us who had never experienced harsh winter.

On reaching our destination, we somehow squeezed into our friend's hostel room for our one-day stay.

On seeing our 'shivering' state, he was considerate enough to rent a room heater from a nearby rental place. Justice was delivered by the room heater in keeping the room warm and cosy. His concern extended to the extent that he gifted us with a thick mink blanket as our wedding gift.

Finally, exams were done, and we headed back to the railway station to board the train back home. As it was exam time everywhere, all the trains were overbooked. For our return journey, we had only one berth, and it was RAC (reservation against cancellation).

My husband and I climbed up to the only single upper berth, hoping that the ticket collector would allot an additional berth soon. KK Express, the dream train for many – especially post-graduation aspirants in the field of medicine – was scheduled to leave Delhi at 20:20 hrs, and it did. As soon as we boarded the train, we promptly wrapped ourselves in the newly gifted large mink blanket and dozed off.

After a couple of hours, the ticket collector walked up to us and said, "I can give you a confirmed seat if you wish to, but *lagta hain aap dono aise hi bahut* comfortable *ho*! (It looks like you both are quite comfortable as it is.)

Was he being witty, naughty or practical? We don't know. Nevertheless, he was right.

After 25 years we still use the same blanket – cosy, comfortable and unifying!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cybercrime and digital arrest are grave threats

Apropos 'SC asks CBI to probe digital arrest cases' (Dec 2), cybercrime and digital arrest, sometimes involving even educated persons, have become a menace. Tech-savvy people using advanced technology and misusing AI have defrauded huge amounts of hard-earned money. The *modus operandi* followed is to instil fear by fraudsters posing as law enforcement, court officials, or personnel from government agencies and extract money from their bank accounts. The Supreme Court, in a *suo motu* case registered on the complaint of an elderly couple, directed the CBI to carry out a pan-India probe into the digital arrest scam and questioned the RBI as to why it is not using AI to freeze bank accounts used by cybercriminals. The SC has also asked all states and Union Territories to cooperate and directed the CBI to seek assistance from Interpol. The extent of the fraud can be gauged from the SC's observation that over Rs 3,000 crore have been scammed, mostly from the elderly population, through 'digital arrest'.

H R Bapu Satyanarayana, Mysuru

Focus on governance

The ongoing power tussle in Karnataka is weakening governance. Internal power struggles divert attention from administration and offer an easy way for the opposition to exploit the situation. The public bickering reflects poorly on the dignity and maturity expected from top leadership, displaying an image of instability and immaturity and showing a priority of personal gain over public welfare. If the party is to survive and ensure the support of the people, leaders must resolve internal conflicts peacefully and abide by commitments made. The government should focus on development and governing rather than petty ego clashes.

Mehreen M, Bengaluru

Poor learning outcomes

Apropos 'Cosmetic fixes will not help school education' (Dec 2), while the decision to offer teachers incentives is the right step, it alone cannot make up for the quality and numbers of teachers, which directly affect the students. The allotment of grace marks and decreasing the pass mark from 35% to 33% will result in a few more students passing, but will not equip students to navigate a rapidly changing world. What is needed is to motivate them and appoint permanent, well-qualified teachers.

Gamini S, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

This understanding will always be there. There are no differences. Shivakumar and I are united; we run the government unitedly. In the future also we will run the government unitedly.

Siddaramaiah, Karnataka CM

You don't get unity by ignoring the questions that have to be faced.

Jay Weatherill

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

Labour codes are not a game-changer

Benefits depend on effective implementation, while deeper reforms to truly empower entrepreneurs and workers remain unfinished

SUBHASH CHANDRA GARG

Following the recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour (2002) on consolidation of labour laws, the Ministry of Labour and Employment drafted four labour codes on wages; industrial relations; social security & welfare; and safety and working conditions.

The Prime Minister's Office identified the consolidation of labour laws as one of the 'first 100 days' agenda for the Narendra Modi government in April 2019, debated whether there should be one or four, and decided in favour of four for quicker passage and implementation.

The four codes were hurriedly passed through Parliament and notified by September 2020. Thereafter, it lost interest, and kept postponing their implementation. Finally, on November 21, the Union government decided to implement the 'landmark' codes to lay 'the foundation for a future-ready workforce'.

The Modi government claims the implementation of labour codes would help align India with evolving global trends, and empower both workers and enterprises. Will the codes achieve it? Are they fit for purpose?

The codes make some positive moves, albeit grudgingly.

Enterprises employing less than 300 workers will not require the government's permission to lay off workers. Factories with less than 20 workers with power and 40 without power would be exempt from compliance. The codes, however, expand the government's clutches, as they apply to smaller enterprises employing more than 10 workers, and require them to register and file returns.

Hazardous enterprises have been defined loosely and vaguely, and even if a single worker is employed in a hazardous process or activity, that enterprise will be notified as hazardous. Hazardous enterprises' compliances are enervating.

The government believes appointment letters, minimum wages for all workers, 50% of total wages and allowances as basic salary and dearness allowance, and improved ESIC coverage, will benefit the workers immensely.

The organised sector employment is shrinking with automation and dark factories taking over the production of industrial goods. Employment is also fast becoming temporary, with more than 46% workers on 'fixed-term contracts'. Thus, appointment letters do not make a difference in such a scenario.

A prescription for minimum wages for all is ultra-bureaucratic, and unimplementable. About 1,700 existing 'scheduled employments' requiring fixation under the Minimum Wages Act will expand into an unending universe. This work has been so tedious and least value accretive that minimum wages have either not been fixed, or have become outdated.

The requirement under the new codes — where a fixing minimum wage taking into account different skill-sets; geographical areas; arduousness of work; hazardous nature of occupations or processes; among other norms — will ensure that the most minimum wages would never be fixed, or there would be hardly any meaningful difference between them for workers to feel 'protected'.

The new statutory concept of 'floor wages' will increase the confusion. The prescription of paying 50% of total wages as basic pay and DA will end up reducing the effective take-home pay of employees.

The ESIC is a rip-off of employers and employees. Every year, the ESIC saves from the contributions it receives (in 2020-2024, Rs 18,315 crore was received, and Rs 15,825 crore was paid as benefits). As of March 31, 2024, its financial investments were about Rs 1.5 trillion! There is no real increase in the employees registered with the ESIC in the last five years. Given this, the option for enterprises to voluntarily join the ESIC would hardly be exercised.

The inclusion of gig and platform workers in the Social Security Code with an obligation on the aggregators to contribute 1-2% of annual turnover, and expansion of coverage for the unorganised workers, has a good potential for building social security benefits.

The codes provide for a social security fund to support schemes for unorganised, gig, and platform workers, covering life, disability, health, and old-age benefits.

Over 90% of India's roughly 350 million non-agricultural workers are in the unorganised sector. If the Union government operationalises the fund, designs effective schemes, and ensures adequate financing, these provisions could deliver much-needed benefits to this vast workforce.

The four codes represent incremental progress as definitions get streamlined, benefits converge, and coverage for unorganised workers expands, besides providing some more leeway to entrepreneurs. However, there is nothing revolutionary or game-changing in it.

Its limited benefits can be harnessed if we keep our expectations modest, and focus on quick and thorough implementation.

The task of undertaking meaningful reforms, which liberate entrepreneurs and bring the right benefits to employees, remains unfinished.

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Karnataka shows the way with disability rights, inclusive governance

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The disability rights movement in India can be traced back to 1981, when the UN General Assembly declared that year the International Year of the Disabled. India enacted the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, (PWD Act) expressing its commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of citizens with disabilities. After ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on October 1, 2007, the 1995 law was replaced by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWD Act), aligning domestic legislation with the international convention.

Yet, 30 years after the disability legislation came into force, most Indians with disabilities remain excluded from mainstream development and continue to face barriers to accessing political, economic, and socio-cultural rights on an equal footing. This exclusion stems largely from the absence of truly inclusive governance.

Inclusive governance must begin with the collection of disability data to shape evidence-based policies and programmes. Karnataka is among the few states to collect disaggregated data on citizens with disabilities. The Social and Educational Survey 2025 includes six specific questions on disability and another 60 on health, education, livelihood and socio-economic status. This dataset should inform both disability-specific and mainstream policies and programmes. The government must also ensure that periodic socio-economic and administrative surveys are disability-inclusive, with the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities represented on advisory and expert committees overseeing data collection.

Social protection shields citizens with disabilities from poverty and exclusion and strengthens resilience across the life cycle. The Department for the Empowerment of Differently-Abled and Senior Citizens should maintain a database of beneficiaries of central and state-sponsored schemes. People with disabilities face additional costs for assistive devices, rehabilitation, human assistance and early intervention services—often met through out-of-pocket expenditure. Karnataka should consider a dedicated scheme, like Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakrama (JSSK), to cover disability-related expenses. The state's 'Kutumba' entitlement management system should maintain disaggregated data on families with persons with disabilities and the benefits they receive.

Citizens with disabilities face multiple barriers—physical, communicational and attitudinal—in accessing public services. The hardships intensify in rural districts, talukas and villages. The government's flagship grievance-redress initiative, Janaspandana, should prioritise complaints from citizens with disabilities. It would also be useful to track, department-wise, the number of pending disability-related grievances, enabling the State Commissioner for Disabilities to follow up and ensure timely resolution.

Karnataka became a pioneer by establishing the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) in 1998 under the PWD Act, 1995, and has since undertaken several initiatives to mainstream disability in socio-economic development. Many proactive measures remain in place.

Between 2001 and 2005, the SPCD conducted sensitisation sessions for officials across key departments — from the Chief Secretary to the Section Officers — on disability laws, barriers faced by citizens with disabilities and ways to embed disability into developmental policies and programmes. In collaboration with the Police Commissioner's office, senior police officers were trained disability rights and the need for accessible police stations. NGOs led many of these sessions, promoting participatory governance. The disability commissioner also addressed senior police officers at the Annual Police Conference on key issues concerning citizens with disabilities.

The SPCD designed and implemented the District Disability Management Review (DDMR) a monitoring tool to review accessibility of socio-economic programmes, particularly social assistance. The system continues to operate today.

Access to justice, a critical right for citizens with disabilities guaranteed under the disability law, received focussed attention. The SPCD conducted awareness sessions for judges of the Karnataka High Court on the PWD Act, 1995, and the barriers faced by citizens with disabilities. Through the Karnataka Judicial Academy, judicial officers were sensitised to disability rights. In collaboration with the Karnataka Bar Council, newly enrolled lawyers were trained on the Act. A legal-aid cell, managed by Alternative Law Forum (an NGO), was set up within the SPCD to provide legal advice to aggrieved citizens.

Corruption in the delivery of social assistance schemes was a recurring challenge, with several cases reported to the SPCD between 2001and 2005. To protect citizens from abuse of power, the office assumed a watchdog role and installed anti-corruption hoardings—similar to those of the Central Vigilance Commission—in public offices frequented by citizens with disabilities. The SPCD assistant commissioner's mobile number served as a 24/7 helpline for complaints by citizens with disabilities.

Recognising these efforts, the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Government of India) declared Karnataka as a 'Model State' for implementation of the PWD Act, 1995. Karnataka remains the only state to have appointed eight NGO representatives as state commissioners, whose experiences and close engagement with rural disability communities have significantly advanced the implementation of disability legislation. The UK government's Department for International Development (DFID) studied the work done by the office of the SPCD between 2001 and 2005, acknowledging its unique contribution to inclusive governance in its report, *Mainstreaming Disability in Development- A Country Report of India* (2005). Karnataka's legacy of participatory, disability-inclusive governance qualifies as a model for building an inclusive society.

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As AI seeps into everyday life, even a child's innocent question can expose the dilemmas facing modern parents

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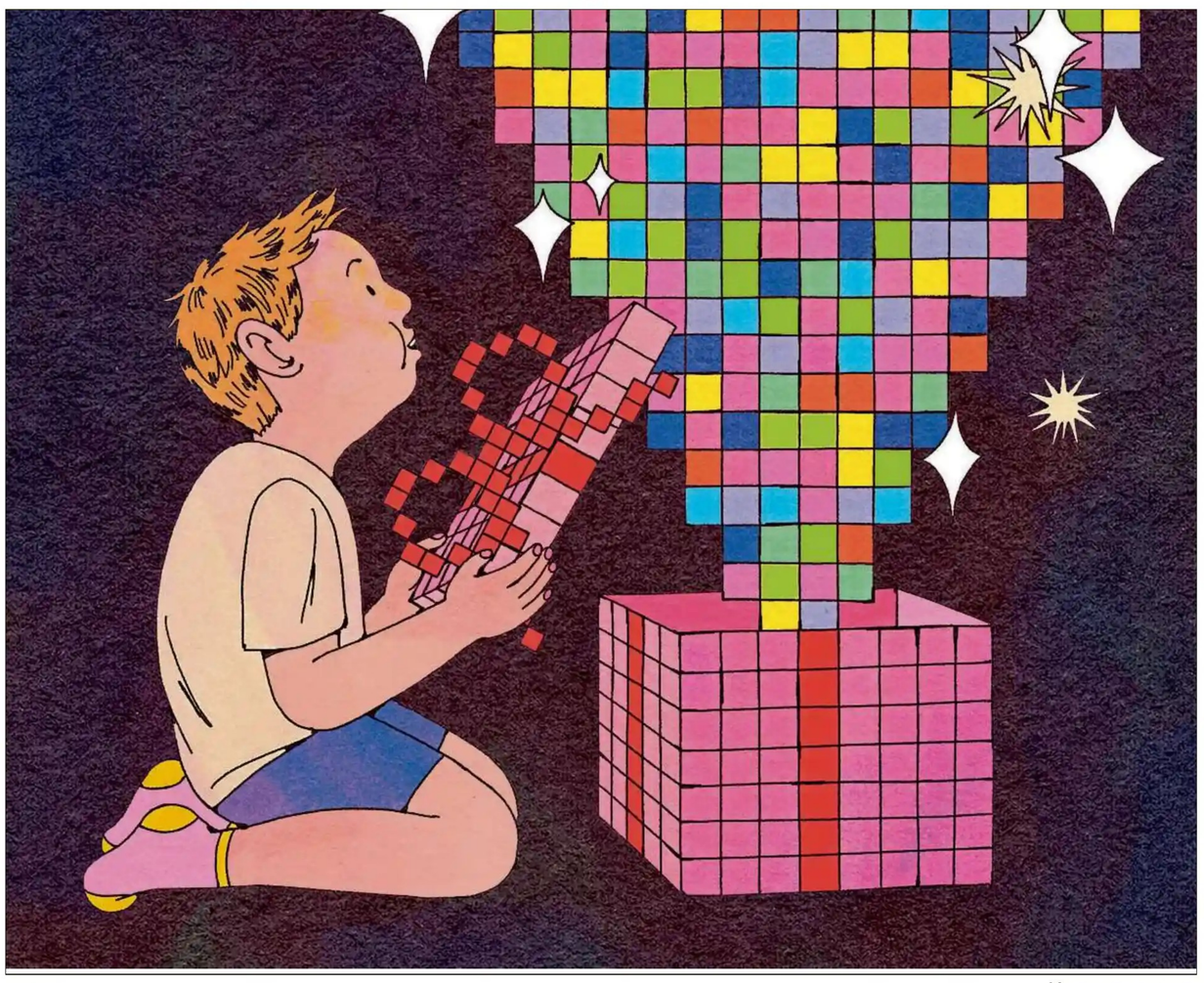

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Raising children in the AI age

'Daddy, who is that man?' my four-year-old son, Omie, asked recently, after barging into my office. As a single father who works mostly from home, it's an interruption I look forward to. On video calls with colleagues who work around the world, I will sometimes put Omie on my lap and introduce him. But this time I wasn't on a video call. I didn't know who he was referring to until I glanced at my screen: It was displaying an ultrarealistic *avatar* with animated mouth movements, part of a project to create AI actors with their own personalities and performance styles. Omie had assumed it was a new co-worker.

I've been thinking about that moment ever since. I'm a developer who has led several AI projects, including Google's LaMDA, a conversational large language model that preceded Gemini. I think these technologies are important because they can ultimately help us solve some problems more quickly, allowing us to focus more of our time and energy on bigger priorities, professional and personal alike.

Yet even I have trepidations about what kind of future my son will grow up in as AI progresses. And I am far from alone: In a recent survey, 61% of parents said they worry that the increasing use of AI will harm students' critical thinking skills. Will using LLMs (which power tools like ChatGPT) hurt children's development, or will not using them hinder their future employment prospects? The future is uncertain, but by fostering critical thinking and creative flexibility in our children now, I think we can help prepare them for a future with AI.

Someone recently asked me if I will let Omie use ChatGPT when he is old enough to operate a keyboard. As a father, I agree with the concerns that LLMs tend to short-circuit a child's thinking processes with easy, unearned answers. The instant gratification doesn't encourage children to solve problems or take pleasure in difficult tasks. I further worry about the social effects of AI on them, when a child's peers and mentors are no longer just their classmates and teachers, but also automated companions and perfectly engineered online personas.

Still, many students are already using tools like ChatGPT. Data suggests that the vast majority of university students worldwide regularly do so. It is inevitable that children will be exposed to these tools and encouraged to use them in some way. I do think I will allow my son to use ChatGPT and similar tools at some point. But when I do, I plan to show him how to fact-check the sources the AI has provided, and make sure he understands that computers often "learn" the wrong thing from online sources.

When it comes to Omie's education, I've looked to teaching philosophies that encourage students to ask their own questions and design their own investigations. US schools should encourage projects that require students to develop reasoned solutions to real world problems. Making ethical decisions and navigating situations where there's no single, correct answer are things only humans can do.

At home, I try to help my son respond creatively to uncertainty. A lot of our play is a type of improvisation. Omie creates superheroes and villains and their powers, and I challenge them with difficult scenarios. He thwarts my summoned salt water crocodiles by throwing them raw chicken with sleeping pills inside, and blocks my ice attacks with a wall of lava. While I do not support the use of AI as a replacement for creativity, it can be a wonderful complement to a child's free-form imagination. So we use generative AI programs to create images and theme songs to accompany our role-play adventures.

Part of my job is to advise institutions on AI ethics. These conversations often sound like bedtime negotiations with my son. What limits are fair? How much freedom is too much? What happens when the rules conflict with growth? The answers are never final, but the act of answering together matters.

Parents need to be part of these conversations and the shaping of regulation around AI. We should call for companies to add mandatory parental controls to their AI programs and agents. We should ensure people have control of how AI uses their personal data, especially when it comes to how these models are trained.

My hope is that I am building a future for Omie in which AI helps create a world where we have two varieties of everything: one that is automated and easily created; the other that is painstakingly made only by humans, and is therefore cherished. I want my son and his generation to still value human-made movies and other art — while also using AI to help tell stories about themselves, where they are agile and inventive superheroes, overcoming future challenges we have yet to imagine. **NYT**

Students are flocking to new AI majors

This semester, more than 3,000 students enrolled in a new college of artificial intelligence and cybersecurity at the University of South Florida in Tampa. At the University of California, San Diego, 150 first-year students signed up for a new AI major. And the State University of New York at Buffalo created a standalone "department of AI and society," which is offering new interdisciplinary degrees in fields like "AI and policy analysis."

The fast popularisation of products such as ChatGPT, along with skyrocketing valuations of tech giants such as chipmaker Nvidia, is helping to drive the campus AI boom.

Amazon, Google, Meta and Microsoft have poured billions into the technology. And this year, Google and Microsoft announced company efforts to train millions of students and adult workers on AI.

Now interest in understanding, using and learning how to build AI technologies is soaring, and schools are racing to meet rising student and industry demand. Over the past two years, dozens of US universities and colleges have announced new AI departments, majors, minors, courses, interdisciplinary concentrations and other programs.

In 2022, for instance, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology created a major called "AI and decision-making." Students in the program learn to develop AI systems and study how technologies such as robots interact with humans and the environment. This year, nearly 330 students are enrolled in the program — making AI the second-largest major at MIT after computer science.

Students interested in applying AI in fields such as biology and health care are also flocking to the new major, she added.

Over the past 15 years, the boom in smartphones and social media, along with industry promises of high-paying tech jobs, helped fuel college enrolments in computing. Nearly 173,000 undergraduates majored in computer science in the spring of 2024, compared with about 65,000 students a decade earlier, according to the Computing Research Association, a nonprofit that gathers data annually from about 200 universities.

But this fall, 62% of computing programmes reported undergraduate enrolment declines. NYT

The missing playbook for women in sport

PRIYANK NARAYAN

India cheered as the women's cricket team made history. A packed stadium roared, and millions watched late into the night as the women in blue were crowned world champions. Yet not long ago, most women played in silence. Their victory only seems sudden if we forget decades of quiet struggle and persistence.

This victory is also a landmark moment for coach Amol Muzumdar. When he took charge in late 2023, the team was in transition—recovering from inconsistent performances and searching for identity. Muzumdar's first move wasn't tactical; it was cultural. He stabilised the dressing room, rebuilt trust, and gave every player clarity about her role. Then came the structural shifts: he reshuffled the batting order, prioritised fitness, and, most importantly, treated every player as a potential match-winner. The result was historic; belief, unity, victory.

But real victory is not just applause. It is the ecosystem that sustains success. True triumph comes when every girl who picks up a sport knows she isn't alone—that a structure stands behind her. It took the BCCI years to invest meaningfully in women's cricket, by which time India had already lost a generation of potential champions. Every few years, a medal moment jolts us into celebration. A Mirabai Chanu or a Harmanpreet Kaur breaks through, the country erupts—and then moves on.

Today, we have more women athletes than ever before, but we still coach them with playbooks written for men. That is not equality. It is laziness disguised as fairness.

Across India's 940 certified coaches, barely 23% are women. At the Tokyo Olympics, only 13% of all coaches were female. The coaching pipeline assumes that gender neutrality equals gender equity. It doesn't. Science shows that women athletes train, recover, and stay motivated differently. Coaching them as 'men in smaller jerseys' is neither effective nor ethical.

Sports physiology research suggests that women face a 2.2-fold higher risk of Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) injuries than men. The British Journal of Sports Medicine reports that gender-specific warm-ups and neuromuscular programmes can reduce such injuries by almost 45%. Yet most training sessions for women's teams still rely on routines built for men. Hormonal cycles, bone density, and iron deficiency also change how women respond to recovery and workload.

The psychology is just as distinct. Studies by the Women's Sports Foundation show that girls drop out of sport at twice the rate of boys by age 14. Why? Because motivation is social, not just competitive. Girls stay when coaches build mastery, belonging, and confidence, not fear of failure. The landmark report Coaching Through a Gender Lens, based on over a thousand athlete interviews, found that girls thrive in climates of feedback, not shouting. Public criticism drives them away; encouragement keeps them in. Women respond better to collaborative, trust-based coaching.

And then, there is context. Every woman in sport plays against an invisible opponent—social expectation. From family scepticism to cultural stereotypes, her battle doesn't end at the finish line. A good coach, therefore, doubles as negotiator, mentor, and advocate. She isn't just refining technique; she's defending a dream in a society still unsure about it.

The transformation can't stop at elite academies; it has to begin everywhere. Schools must train physical-education teachers to understand how bodies and motivations evolve for different genders. Universities should embed gender-smart sports coaching modules in their curricula. And the government must catalyse this through its institutions. But this is not just policy; it is mindset.

This change cannot be left to the government alone. In fact, it is a massive entrepreneurial opportunity. Start-ups can transform the game by building AI-powered coaching dashboards that adapt to women's physiology, wearables that predict injuries, and apps that connect athletes with certified coaches in their own languages. They can create micro-training kits for schools, virtual mentorship platforms linking rural players with professionals, and data tools that map talent and progress across districts. Sport is no longer just about competition, it is a new frontier for innovation.

With purpose, tech, and frugality on their side, entrepreneurs can create a new genre of sports-tech for women. The next big leap in women's sport won't just come from academies or federations. It will come from entrepreneurs who see every girl with grit as their next user, and every constraint as a chance to innovate.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: DECEMBER 1975

TNC-O Council gives green signal for Cong merger

Tiruchi, December 2
The Tamil Nadu Congress (O) General Council, meeting here today, gave the green signal for the "reunion" of the two Congress parties in the State. In a unanimous resolution, the meeting also empowered the party executive to finalise the modalities for the "re-union" and asked it to take necessary follow-up measures. Speakers at today's meeting expressed the view that the two Congress parties must unite to fulfil the aspirations of the late Mr. K. Kamaraj.

25 YEARS AGO: DECEMBER 2000

40 killed in train accident

Patiala, Dec 2
In a major train disaster, 40 passengers were killed and 141 others injured, when the Amritsar-bound Howrah Express slammed a derailed goods train near Sarai Banjara between Patiala and Sirhind towns of Punjab in the wee hours this morning. With the extrication of four bodies late tonight, the toll rose to 40, which included 28 who died on the spot and 10 in different hospitals at Fatehgarh Sahib, Rajpura and Patiala, Northern Railway General Manager S P Mehta told PTI.

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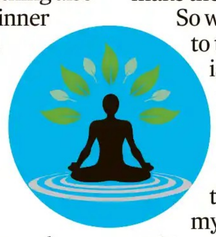
When clarity ends confusion

Decision-making, for most of us, becomes heavier than it needs to be. The moment a choice appears, the mind begins its familiar dance. Thoughts circle around the options, trying to predict outcomes, trying to secure certainty, and the whole thing turns strangely tiring. Something as simple as choosing becomes a small inner battle.

If one looks a little closer, the trouble is not with the choice at all. The trouble lies in the one who is trying to choose. Life appears full of conflicting possibilities because the mind itself is full of conflicting tendencies. We do not really know what we stand for, or from where our wants arise. The same mind that pulls you towards something also pulls you away from it. This inner divide shows up outside as a crowd of options.

When that division settles, the strain of choosing settles as well. A clear mind does not sit weighing pros and cons. It simply sees.



Right action then is not something you construct through effort. It shows itself, the way a path becomes visible when morning light softly dissolves the fog. Facts have a simplicity of their own. It is our fears and attachments that blur them and make the obvious look complicated.

So whenever confusion begins to tighten its grip, the first step is not to think more. It is to pause and turn inward. Ask yourself with some honesty: Am I looking at the situation as it is, or am I looking through the push and pull of my own desires? The moment this question is asked sincerely, something settles. The mist thins. You discover that the situation was never the problem; the lens was.

Clarity does not give you ten choices. It quietly removes nine of them. What is untrue drops away, and what remains is simply what must be done. The decision, in a sense, has already happened. You only needed to get out of your own way to notice it.

Clarity is not an addition to the mind. It is a return. Like reminding someone that they always had eyes, though they lived as if they did not know how to use them. And once you begin to truly see, the whole drama of choosing loses its tension. The mind stops struggling. The path stands revealed.

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NATIONAL HIGHWAY 173
CHIKKAMAGALURU SUB-DIVISION, CHIKKAMAGALURU

PUBLIC NOTICE
(UNDER SECTION 3(G) OF N.H. ACT 1956)

S.O. 5420(E), Date : 26.11.2025 - Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **3116(E) Dated:11/07/2025,** published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of **NH-173 in the stretch of land from Design Ch. 0.000 (Existing Ch. 0.000)(Mudigere) to Design Ch. 25.860 (Existing Ch. 26.326)(Mugutihalli) (Mudigere-Kadur section) in the district of CHIKKAMAGALURU in the state of KARNATAKA.**

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in **"Deccan Herald" dated 15/07/2025, "Vijaya Karnataka" dated 15/07/2025 ;** under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances. The land owners can submit their statements if any, along with relevant property documents to the below address.

Name of the Villages	Enquiry Date and Time	The place where the land owners / interested persons have to appear & submit / their claims
CHIKKAMAGALURU TALUK: Dambadahalli, Aladagudde, Chithavalli, Machagondanahalli, KasabaVastari, Shiravalalu, Kelaguru, Shiragunda, Huluvale	15-12-2025 FROM 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM & 3.00 PM to 5.00 PM	INSPECTION BUNGALOW, CHIKKAMAGALURU.
MUDIGERE TALUK: Hesagal, Bilagola & Mudigere	16-12-2025 FROM 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM & 3.00 PM to 5.00 PM	INSPECTION BUNGALOW, MUDIGERE

Sd/-
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER & COMPETENT AUTHORITY
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SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH-173 in the stretch of land from Design Ch. 0.000 (Existing Ch. 0.000) (Mudigere) to Design Ch. 25.860 (Existing Ch. 26.326) (Mugutihalli) (Mudigere-Kadur section) in the district of CHIKKAMAGALURU in the state of KARNATAKA.

STATE: KARNATAKA **DISTRICT: CHIKKAMAGALURU**

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectares	Name of the Land Owner / Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
TALUK: CHIKKAMAGALURU					
VILLAGE: DAMBADAHALLI					
1	73/6	Private	Wet	0.0101171	Rajesh K P bin Puttegowda K N 73/6
2	75	Private	Wet	0.0151757	Paramesh bin Honnappashetty 75
VILLAGE: ALADAGUDDE					
3	48/1	Private	Wet	0.0025293	Suresh B T bin Late Thimmegowda 48/1
4	48/2	Private	Wet	0.0126464	Hemegowda B T bin Late Thimmegowda 48/2
5	78	Government	Kharab	0.0607028	Government Land 78
VILLAGE: CHITHAVALLI					
6	169	Common (Government/ Private)	Dry	0.0025136	Manjamma W/o K B Huchayya, Uddamma W/o Thimmayya, Subhamma W/o K B Manjayya, Government Beelu, Dhramegowda bin Devegowda, M N Surath bin Nagesh, M D Vasanthegowda bin Devegowda, Padmamma W/o Late Durgayya, Savitha W/o Shankara, Canara Bank Kelaguru 169
7	170	Government	Dry	0.0057014	Government Beelu 170
8	190	Common (Government/ Private)	Dry	0.0056573	Sudarshan H B bin Bhairegowda H A 190/1
9	198	Common (Government/ Private)	Dry	0.0276401	Government Beelu, Bairayya bin Chowdayya 198
10	227	Private	Dry	0.1011714	M D Upendra bin M S Devegowda, M D Mahesh bin M S Devegowda, M D Dinesh bin MS Devegowda, M D Umesh bin M S Devegowda 227/1
11	227	Private	Dry	0.0510457	Gayathri D B W/o Ningegowda K M 227/3
VILLAGE: MACHAGONDANAHALLI					
12	125	Government	Dry	0.0017646	Guruvayyana Lake 125
13	128	Government	Dry	0.0023369	Government, Social forest 128
14	148	Common (Government/ Private)	Dry	0.0020178	Government, Cemetery of Muslim community, Reserved Waqf Property, K Ibrahim bin A Khadar, Nabeesu bin Biranakutty, Asaynar bin Biranakutty, Ibrahim bin Biranakutty, Patima bin Biranakutty, Ismail bin Biranakutty, Aziz bin Biranakutty. 148
15	167	Common (Government/ Private)	Kharab	0.1273649	Hullubanni, Forest Department, land Bank, Vasantha W/o Nagappashetty, Gangadara bin Nagappashetty, Manjunatha bin Mullachari, Channappashetty bin Bommashetty, Janardana bin Mallashetty, Yallappashetty bin Bommashetty, T D Indresh bin T M Dyavappashetty, Indresh bin Dyavappashetty, Halappa bin Mallappashetty, H N kumar bin Ningashetty, Bashir ahamad bin Fariduddin, H N Balakrishna bin Ningashetty, Sharadha W/o Sheena, P S Somashekarayya bin Shankarayya, Ashraya Housing Scheme, Janappa bin Mallashetty, T D Venkatesha bin Dyavappashetty, Lokesha bin Nagappashetty, Zaheer Ahmed bin Pariduddin, Irfan pasha bin Mahammad Ismail, Asraf ali bin Abdul khadar, Mahammad Gous bin Abdul vahab, Saramma W/o Akim, Mymunna W/o Sardar, Yaqub bin Ahmad Beri, Zahar W/o Assinar, Sapura W/o Ikbal, Irshad Ahamed bin B R Abdul jalil, Ismail bin Abdul khadar, Preethi sapna D kunna W/o Godwin D kunna, Jibris ahmed bin Mohamed Yaseen, M Pavanaganga Estate, B V Ramasawmy bin Gundappa, Subbalakshmamma, M I Rahamath unisa W/o M A adam, K Ibrahim bin Abdul Khader, Hasanabawa bin Abdul Khader, K B Poutima bin Abdul Khader, Salim bin Abdul Khader, Mohiddin bin Abdul Khader, Amina bin Abdul Khader, Ismail bin Abdul Khader, Maimuna bin Abdul Khader, K Isaak bin Abdul Khader, M K Hamid bin A Khader, Alwin DSouza bin Baptist DSouza, C Ibrahim, Guruva bin Thimma, Krishnappa bin Shivappa, John DSouza bin David DSouza, Gregory DSouza bin Simon, DSouza, K Ismail, M Yusuf byari bin A rahaman, Janardana bin Mallashetty, Mohidin bin Yusuf, Seethu W/o Angara, Monta bin Nakara, Kinniga bin Kambadi, Channa bin Goja, Sundari W/o Babu, Thippa bin Nakra, Prema bin Nakra, Singayya bin chinkra, Gangadara bin Late Nagappashetty, Vasantha bin Late Nagappashetty, Lokesh bin Late Nagappashetty, K Gulabi W/o Seena, Mahamad Shafiuddin bin T S Naziruddin, T R Saleem bin T S Naziruddin, Navaman wasim bin T S Naziruddin, Shivappa Hoovamma, Mahamad Yasim bin M. Amir, Jamia Masjid, Gowramma W/o Giddegowda, K R Suresh bin Ramegowda, K Mahesh bin kallegowda, Mahesh Bin Kallegowda, Kusuma W/o Lakshmanagowda, Amarendanath bin Vijayendraswamy, R Ragavendra bin Raman, Mahamad usef bin A Rahiman, Syed Mukkul bin Syed Ali, Ayeshamma W/o Abu Bakr, H E Ibrahim Bin Abu Bakr, M Abu Bakr Bin Yusuf, Isail Bin A Qadr, Rukiya W/o M A Ahmad, Mubeen bin Ahmed, Bashir Ahmed, Rukiya W/o Ahmed, Narayana Bin Govind, Leela W/o Rukmayya Poojari, T D Puttaraju Bin Dyavappashetty, Ismail bin Abdul kader, Mari Lobho W/o Jarmin Lobo, Lakshman bin Krishnanna, Tara bin Krishnanna, Meenakshi bin Krishnanna, T D Shivakumar bin Deveerashetty, Sunitha Krastha W/o late Vincent Krastha, Lakshmi W/o Shankara, Mallika bin Krishna, Murugesha bin Krishna, Susheela W/o sanjeeva, Prasad bin Narayana, Mahammad Shaheena bin Mahammad Jafar saadik, Mahammad Shaahid Husen bin Jaafar Saadik, Kamalamma W/o Mallashetti, Janappa bin Mallashetti, Indhira W/o Janappa, Aruna bin Janappa, Asha bin Janappa, Chief Executive Officer, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society, Sattihalli, Canara Bank Sattihalli Branch Chikkamagaluru, SBI Chikkamagaluru , Chikkamagaluru Agalur DCC Bank Sathihalli,167
16	171	Private	Plantation	0.28941	Udusey Rajegowda Udayakumar Bin Rajegowda U E 171
17	256	Government	Kharab	0.2023427	Government Land 256
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VILLAGE: KASABA VASTARI					
25	170	Private	Wet	0.0190763	B V Somegowda bin Veeregowda Kaveri Grameena Bank Mugutihalli 170
26	171	Private	Wet	0.0132234	Chikkanna bin Hucchayya, Thimmayya bin Hucchayya, Puttaswamy bin Hucchayya 171
27	175	Private	Wet	0.0038206	K R Gangadara bin Rudrayya, Mallesh bin Guddayya, Rudrasha K G bin Guddayya 175
28	177	Private	Wet	0.0067971	Ranganatha bin Keshavashetty 177/1
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36	306	Private	Wet	0.0075879	Kumar Bin Puttaswamyshetty 306/5
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38	445	Private	Dry	0.0067354	Abdul Hameed Bin K Mohammed Bheri, Nafeezamma W/o K Mohammed Bheri, Hamad Bawa bin K Mohammed Bheri, Bifateema bin K Mohammed Bheri, Abdul Rahman bin K Mohammed Bheri, Usman Bin K Mohammed Bheri, Johara Bin K Mohammed Bheri, Abbubakar Bin K Mohammed Bheri 445
39	447	Private	Wet	0.0156412	Shri M G Bhadregowda bin Gopalagowda Chief Executive Officer, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society, Kuduvalli 447/5
40	452	Private	Dry	0.0081848	Abdul Hameed Bin K Mohammed Bheri, Nafeezamma W/o K Mohammed Bheri, Hamad Bawa bin K Mohammed Bheri, Bifateema bin K Mohammed Bheri, Abdul Rahman bin K Mohammed Bheri, Usman Bin K Mohammed Bheri, Johara Bin K Mohammed Bheri, Abbubakar Bin K Mohammed Bheri 452
41	453	Private	Dry	0.0169995	H.N. Shantha W/o S.E. Ningegowda, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society, Kuduvalli, Manager C D C C Bank Main Branch
42	454	Private	Dry	0.0137926	B. M. Giddegowda bin Manjegowda 454
43	743	Private	Wet	0.009313	Chandrika W/o Late V T Dayanand, Dhanalakshmi Bin Late V T Dayanand 743/6
44	743	Private	Wet	0.017705	V T Nagaraji bin Thammayanayaka 743/7
VILLAGE: SHIRAVALALU					
45	129	Common (Government/ Private)	Kharab	0.2705999	Gomala, Y R Vanajakshi W/o Annegowda, M P Bhagya W/o Mallegowda, Kaveri grameena Bank Mugutihalli Branch Chikkamagaluru 129
46	130	Common (Government/ Private)	Kharab	0.0222171	Gomala, Nanjamma W/o K P Honnayya, Eidga ground waqf property, Yognandini W/o K P Rajarathna, Chief Executive Officer, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society, Kuduvalli 130
47	131	Common (Government/ Private)	Kharab	0.2140736	Gomala, Nirvanayya bin Chikkayya, C Rudrayya bin Chikkayya, H R Krishnamurthi bin Ramayya, H R Somashekar bin Ramayya, H R Venkatesh bin Ramayya, Huchayya bin Javarayya, Padmayya bin Javarayya, Siddayya bin Javarayya, Mullayya bin Javarayya, Kenchayya bin Javarayya, Bhairayya bin Siddayya, a Eidga Ground Waqf Praperty, Doddayya bin Guddayya, Thimmamma W/o Huchayya, Chief Executive Officer, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society, Kuduvalli, Indian Over Seas Bank vasthare 131
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53	170/2	Private	Dry	0.0429978	Gracie D Souza W/o Charles Sikera 170/2
54	170/3	Private	Dry	0.0404685	Srimathi Parveen W/o Mohamad Imthiaz 170/3
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59	590	Private	Dry	0.0961128	Mangala Poornesh W/o Poornesh Murthy M. R 590
60	592/2	Private	Dry	0.03541	Shubhad D.E W/o Surendra S V 592/2
61	592/4	Private	Dry	0.0784078	M B Ganesh bin S Bhairegowda 592/4
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62	55	Private	Dry	0.0680772	Shaneshwara Swamy Temple 55
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TALUK: MUDIGERE					
VILLAGE: HESAGAL					
69	10/1A2	Private	NAK	0.0252928	R Vasudev Bin B V Rangappa 10/1A2
70	11/1A3	Private	NAK	0.0328807	Town Panchayat mugdigere
71	11/1A6	Private	NAK	0.0050586	Rajendra M V bin Venkatasubbayya, M V Gayathri bin Venkatasubbayya, Dhanalakshmi M V bin Venkatasubbayya, Nagalambika M V bin Venkatasubbyya, Manjesh M V bin Venkatasubbayya, Hemanna M V bin Venkatasubbayya, Shubhamangala M V bin Venkatasubbayya, Kumara swamy M V bin Venkatasubbayya, Hemavari M V bin Venkatasubbayya. 11/1A6
72	11/1A7	Private	NAK	0.0303514	Civil Court Mugdigere
73	11/1C	Private	NAK	0.0429978	G V Subrayya Bin G V Vasanthegowda 11/1C
74	11/2A	Private	NAK	0.0101171	K T Keshvamurthy, Kamalamma. 11/2A
75	11/2B	Private	NAK	0.0101171	Vijayalakshmi W/o Late M R Prabhachandra, M P Sathyanarayanna bin Late M R Prabhachandra, K Lokesh bin K T Keshvamurthy 11/2B
76	11/2C	Private	NAK	0.0075879	Anasuya W/o Govindaraju 11/2C
77	11/2D	Private	NAK	0.0050586	Ashiya V A W/o Late M Abbas Haji, Mumataj bin Late M Abbas Haji 11/2D
78	12/1	Private	NAK	0.0025293	C L D D Silva bin J M D Silva 12/1
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88	17	Common (Government/ Private)	Dry/Wet	0.0237837	Executive Officer taluk panchayathi mudigere, Gomala, Babu shetty bin Channayya, M D Umesh bin M S Devegowda, T E Channappa bin Erappa, Borayya, Jayalakshmamma W/o Yedurappa 17
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90	2	Private	NAK	0.0101171	Friends Union- Mudigere 2/7
91	2	Private	NAK	0.0025293	The area in front of the Calunation Building- Town Panchayat, Mudigere 2/8
92	2	Private	NAK	0.0025293	Calunation Building -Town Panchayat, Mudigere 2/9
93	212	Private	Plantation/ Dry	0.0036493	Temple-Muidigere 212/3
94	219	Private	Wet	0.0089276	Khairunnisa W/o Sattar Khan 219/1A
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SHAIKH AMINKHAN, Director

Oppn slams govt's 'dictatorial' app order

Cong, AAP, CPM unite in attack on mandatory Sanchar Saathi installation

'SURVEILLANCE STATE'

- Opposition brands Sanchar Saathi app a step towards surveillance state
- Congress says BJP trying to suppress people's voice
- Minister Scindia clarifies app can be deleted, remains dormant until registration
- Kharge attacks 'tyrannical regime', warns of snooping and surveillance on citizens
- Kejriwal terms move a 'brazen attack' on liberty

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Opposition on Tuesday lashed out at the government over the Sanchar Saathi app, with Congress calling it yet another attempt by the BJP to "strangulate the voice of the people" and likening it to dictatorship.

The criticism came even as Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said that users are free to delete the app, which will remain dormant until registration. His ministry had earlier directed smartphone makers to preload the state-run cybersecurity app on all new devices.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge sharpened the attack, saying that "snooping, surveilling, scanning and peeping to confiscate, control, command and monetise" citizens' rights is the hallmark of the BJP's "tyrannical" regime.

"Sanchar Saathi app is yet another addition to the long list of attempts by the BJP to strangulate the voice of the people. The Modi government's unilateral direction to preload this app without taking into confidence various stakeholders and citizens is akin to dictatorship. Why does the government want to know citizens' conversations with their family and friends," he asked.

He said it was no surprise the Modi government had vehemently opposed the move to have citizens' privacy declared a fundamental right in the Supreme Court. "Democracy perishes. The dystopian era flourishes," he said.

Senior Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi slammed Sanchar Saathi as a "snooping app", stressing that citizens have the right to privacy. Everyone must be free to send messages to family and friends without the government looking at everything, she said.

AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal also hit out at the move, calling the mandatory installation of the app on phones a "brazen attack" on individual privacy and liberty, adding that no democracy in the world has ever attempted such a measure.

"The government notification has no mention of seeking individual consent to install the app or providing the option to delete it at any time. The AAP condemns such gross dictatorial actions and demands immediate withdrawal of the notification," he said.

CPM Rajya Sabha floor leader John Brittas shot off a letter to Scindia, warning that compulsory pre-installation of the app undermines the principle of informed consent and risks turning mobile phones into instruments of continuous digital supervision. Questioning the "logic of forced embedding if the app is truly optional", Brittas said that many users, especially the elderly and digitally less literate, would struggle to uninstall pre-loaded applications, effectively making the app permanent by default.

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said that making anything compulsory in a democracy is troubling, and stressed that the government should explain its decision to the public rather than simply issuing an order.

DH DECIPHERS

Sanchar Saathi and privacy concerns

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has directed all mobile phone manufacturers to preload the Sanchar Saathi app on smartphones sold in India. The move has sparked a political row, with the Opposition calling it dictatorial. The Narendra Modi government defended the decision, saying the app will make mobile devices more secure. **Gyanendra Keshri** *decodes the intended use of the app and the privacy concerns.*

What is the DoT order on the Sanchar Saathi app?

As per the order dated November 28, all mobile phone manufacturers are required to ensure that all mobile handsets manufactured or imported for use in India have the Sanchar Saathi mobile application pre-installed. For all such devices that have already been manufactured and are in sales channels in India, the app will have to be installed through a software update. The department has directed mobile manufacturing companies to complete the implementation in 90 days and submit the report in 120 days.

What is the Sanchar Saathi app?

Sanchar Saathi is a central government-run platform introduced in 2023. The stated objective of the platform is to empower mobile subscribers, strengthen their security and increase awareness about citizen-centric initiatives of the government. It is available in the form of a mobile app and a web portal. It provides various citizen-centric services and acts as a safety tool. The app is designed to verify the authenticity of the International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number. It can help in blocking lost or stolen phones across all telecom networks.

What are the privacy concerns?

Opposition parties and civil society have flagged privacy concerns, equating the app to Pegasus spyware. On Android devices, installation requires multiple permissions, including access to call logs, the ability to send messages during registration, making and managing calls to detect linked mobile numbers, and access to the camera and stored images. On Apple's iOS, users are required to grant access to only the device's camera, photos and files. Nearly 95% of smartphones in India run on Google's Android operating system.

How does the app work?

The Sanchar Saathi app connects the IMEI of a mobile device to the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR), which stores details of all authorised mobile phones in India. If flagged for misuse, the CEIR can block IMEI across the networks. This means a phone will stop working even if someone inserts a new SIM. Through this app, users can check the genuineness of a mobile handset through the IMEI number, along with other facilities like reporting suspected fraud communications, lost/stolen mobile handsets, checking mobile connections in their name, and trusted contact details of banks/ financial institutions.

Will it be mandatory for every smartphone user to use the Sanchar Saathi app?

While the Department of Telecommunications has directed phone manufacturers to preload the app on all devices, users will have the freedom to delete it. "Digital security for every citizen is our topmost priority. Sanchar Saathi is voluntary, transparent and designed solely to protect India's mobile consumers while advancing the nation's cybersecurity. Users have complete freedom to activate or delete the app at any time, ensuring safety without compromising privacy," Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said while clarifying the government's stand.

News article by German, French, British envoys irks India

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A newspaper article by the ambassadors of Germany, France and the United Kingdom to India, just ahead of President Vladimir Putin's visit for the annual summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has irked New Delhi because it criticised Russia for being unserious about ending the Ukraine war.

A source in New Delhi on Tuesday termed the article by Philipp Ackermann, Thierry Mathou and Lindy Cameron — the envoys of Berlin, Paris, and London, respectively — which was published on Monday, an "unusual and unacceptable diplomatic practice". The source said the Union government had taken note of it.

The envoys accused Russia of escalating the war in Ukraine even as peace talks were underway.

They claimed that some of Russia's largest air attacks on Ukraine since the beginning of the war had, in fact, taken place after the peace talks started.

They questioned Russia's seriousness in ending the war, and also accused it of contributing to global instability and making incursions into Indian airspace.

Air India operated plane with expired licence; probe on

REUTERS: India's aviation regulator said on Tuesday it was investigating Air India after the airline operated an aircraft eight times without a valid airworthiness review certificate.

The regulator did not name the aircraft type but its news release's title referenced the registration code of an Airbus A320 and a person with direct knowledge of the matter confirmed the case in fact concerned the single-aisle jet.

Airbus did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The probe comes as Air India deals with the fallout from a June Boeing Dreamliner crash that killed 260 people and financial losses from an airspace ban imposed on Indian airlines by Pakistan. It has also been repeatedly warned by India's DGCA over safety lapses this year.

Consider extending SIR deadline in Kerala: SC to EC

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Election Commission to consider extending the deadline of December 11 by one more week for submitting enumeration forms in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Kerala.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi took note of the submissions that local bodies elections in Kerala will take place on December 9 and 11 and counting of votes will conclude on December 13.

It also took note of the fact that around 1.76 lakh state government employees are engaged in the poll process for the local bodies in the state and hence, they may find it difficult to submit the enumeration forms by December 11, the deadline fixed by the poll body.

Noting the grievances, the CJI granted Kerala government and other petitioners the liberty to submit a formal representation to the EC by 5 pm on Wednesday seeking an extension of the SIR deadline.

It further asked the Election Commission to consider the representation "sympathetically and objectively" and to take a decision within two days on the representation.

DEAL OR NO DEAL: Centre eyes 'Vande Mataram' consensus; Oppn refuses to bite

Govt, Oppn vie for upper hand as SIR debate deadlock ends

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The government and the Opposition are competing to claim the upper hand following both sides managing to break the stalemate over a discussion on Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Parliament.

The resolution of the deadlock also saw both sides walking an extra mile, as one of the considerations for scheduling discussion on Vande Mataram and electoral reforms only next week was due to Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to New Delhi on Thursday and Friday, sources said.

Informally, the government managers indicated Putin's visit to the Opposition side, with sources claiming that the latter decided to accept it as it did not want to be seen as creating an obstacle to the smooth functioning of Parliament.

The government managers are painting a narrative of the Opposition's climb-down by allowing a discussion on the 150th year of 'Vande Mataram', the national song, as suggested by the ruling side, ahead of the one on electoral rolls after refusing to have a standalone debate on SIR.

However, the Opposition insists that they refused to fall into the "trap set by the government" by not remaining adamant on the SIR-first stand. Instead, it is pointing fingers at the government for the "wash out" of the Monsoon Session, claiming that it had suggested the same formula for discussion on SIR then.

Congress Lok Sabha Whip Manickam Tagore was quick to declare, "I.N.D.I.A (bloc) wins. Arrogance finally bows to the unity of 240 (Lok Sabha) and 100 (Rajya Sabha) MPs... One full Monsoon Session was washed away because of this. Two days of the Winter Session (have) already wasted. Democracy is not a playground for diversion – it demands accountability."

'Democracy spirit'

"We have been gracious and accommodating, even though we are up against a government that mocks Parliament. Yes, a discussion on SIR was and is a top priority. However, in the spirit of parliamentary democracy, we accepted the government's proposal about timing and made a tactical change," TMC leader Derek O'Brien said.

During the Monsoon Session itself, after the government made it clear that it cannot allow a discussion on the functioning of the EC in Parliament, the Opposition said that they could enlarge the scope of debate to electoral reforms. The government had then cited a ruling by then Speaker Balram Jakhar in the 1980s.

Pets not allowed outside but inside: Rahul amid dog row

NEW DELHI, PTI: Amid a row over his colleague Renuka Chowdhury bringing a stray dog to Parliament House, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said pets are not allowed outside but "inside".

Responding to Gandhi's comments during an informal chat with reporters, BJP spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari said, "Rahul Gandhi is comparing his own Congressmen, and Opposition leaders to Dog! This is how Parivarvadi treat temple of democracy."

"Dog is the main topic of today, I believe. What has the poor dog done. The dog had come here. Why is it not allowed?" Gandhi told reporters.

Pets are not allowed here but they are allowed inside, he added while pointing to the Parliament House building.

Noting that dogs are not allowed inside Parliament, Gandhi said, "I guess these are the things that India is discussing these days."

Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Chowdhury on Monday brought a rescued stray in her car inside Parliament, prompting ruling party members to demand action against her.

BJP MPs Himadri Singh, Bansuri Swaraj and Anita Nagarsingh Chouhan during the Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

RS returns Manipur GST bill

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Rajya Sabha on Tuesday returned to the Lok Sabha the Manipur GST bill, which replaces an Ordinance to implement the GST 2.0 reforms in the north-eastern state, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman saying that the bill will benefit people and businesses there.

The Lok Sabha had passed the bill on Monday.

Replying to the discussion on the proposed law, Nirmala hit out at the Opposition for shedding "crocodile tears" over Manipur and indulging in "drama" over the state's grievances.

Census questionnaire being finalised: Govt

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Registrar General and Census Commissioner is in the process of finalising the questionnaire for Census 2027 based on inputs and suggestions from various stakeholders, including ministries and Census data users, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in written replies to a clutch of MPs, including Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, that caste enumeration will also be carried out during Census 2027, as decided by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs on 30 April.

Besides Rahul, questions on the Census were raised by Congress MPs M K Raghavan and C Kiran Kumar Reddy, Trinamool Congress' Shatrughan Sinha and BJP's Eatala Rajender.

To a question by Rahul on whether the government plans to publish the draft questions and seek inputs from the public or people's representatives, Rai said the Census questionnaire is finalised on the basis of inputs and suggestions from different ministries, departments, organisations and Census data users, among others.

He said the draft Census questionnaires are pre-tested in the field to assess their feasibility before finalisation, and that under Rule 6 of the Census Rules, 1990, the Census questionnaires are notified by the government.

Rahul urged the government to consider the caste survey conducted by the party-led Telangana government as a benchmark for Census 2027.

Kerala BJP chief to contest Assembly poll

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: Kerala BJP president Rajeev Chandrasekhar has said he will contest the upcoming Kerala Assembly election from Nemom in Thiruvananthapuram, which was the BJP's maiden seat in the state legislature.

"I will contest the Assembly polls. It is 100%. I can even confirm the constituency: Nemom," Chandrasekhar told reporters in Thrissur on Tuesday.

Navy set to commission INS Aridhaman

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi addresses a press meet in New Delhi. PTI

FLEET BOOST

- India boosts submarine fleet ahead of Pakistan's Hangor-class induction
- To lease nuclear-powered attack submarine
- Six AIP-equipped conventional submarines planned with German technology transfer

India's third nuclear ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) Aridhaman is in the final stages of trial and will be commissioned soon, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi said on Tuesday.

He added that the Indian Navy will also get a nuclear-powered attack submarine (SSN) on lease from a "friendly foreign partner" and is at an "advanced stage" of contract negotiations to build six conventional submarines with air-independent propulsion technology, enabling longer underwater stay.

The boost in the navy's submarine fleet comes months ahead of the Pakistan Navy's planned induction of its Hangor-class submarine, which is an export variant of China's Yuan-class boat.

Addressing the annual press conference ahead of the Navy Day, Admiral Tripathi said the Indian Navy's swift force mobilisation and aggressive posturing during Operation Sindoor not only restricted the Pakistan Navy to the coast, but also impacted Islamabad economically, as many foreign shipping companies refused to sail to Pakistani ports and trade was down by 10-15%.

Asked about the SSBN, he said, "INS Arighat was commissioned in August last year. Aridhaman is in the final stages of trial and will be commissioned soon."

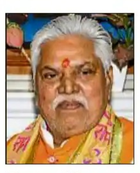
India's first ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), INS Arihant, was commissioned in 2016, while the next, INS Arighat, was inducted eight years later. A fourth SSBN is currently under construction.

On the Rs 64,000-crore Rafale-M deal that India signed with France, the navy chief said the first four aircraft were expected by 2029.

9-term BJP MLA Prem Kumar is Bihar Speaker

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

He fought and won his first election in 1990. Since then, he has not lost any election, winning a hat-trick of hat-tricks.



Prem Kumar

Prem Kumar, a veteran BJP legislator from Gaya, was appointed Speaker of the Bihar Assembly on Tuesday.

Though the Nitish Kumar-led JD(U) initially wanted one of its members in the coveted post, BJP insisted that since the chief minister's post had gone to the regional party, the saffron outfit should have its Speaker, besides two deputy CMS, one of whom should also have the Home portfolio.

Politically weakened over the years, the JD(U) strongman relented, paving the way for Prem Kumar to be the new Speaker.

Who is Prem Kumar?

Prem served in an earlier Nitish Cabinet, holding the Urban Development and Agriculture portfolio.

The nine-term MLA won from his bastion Gaya on a BJP ticket in the 1990, 1995, 2000, February 2005, November 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2025 Assembly elections.

"You come from the Land of Buddha. Hope you will be fair to the Opposition and give it a patient hearing compared to the Treasury Benches," said LoP Tejashwi Yadav, while accompanying CM Nitish Kumar when they both escorted Prem Kumar to the Speaker's chair.

Oil imports, defence deals on Modi-Putin meeting agenda

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
NEW DELHI DHNS

ON THE CARDS

- Modi, Putin may also discuss sale of SU-57E fighter jets and additional S-400 missiles
- Deals to boost trade and economic ties, as well as cooperation in healthcare and media, expected as well
- Easier transition for Indians to work in Russia also likely

Though India's oil imports from Russia may decline for "a brief period", no external interference will be allowed to stymie the growth of bilateral commerce, the Kremlin stated on Tuesday, besides confirming that President Vladimir Putin would discuss the sale of SU-57E fighter jets and additional S-400 missiles with Prime Minister Narendra Modi this week.

Friday's Modi-Putin meeting is expected to see the two sides sign an agreement to streamline the legal mobility of skilled and semi-skilled people from India to Russia. Deals to boost trade and economic ties, as well as cooperation in healthcare and media, are likely to be inked as well.

"We're looking forward to possibilities despite everything to ensure our right to sell oil and ensure the rights of those who want to purchase oil," Putin's spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told journalists in New Delhi on Tuesday during an online media briefing ahead of Putin's visit for the 23rd annual India-Russia summit.

Widening trade deficit

India has been conveying its concerns over the trade deficit widening from $6.6 billion to $58.9 billion, along with a five-fold rise in bilateral trade from $13 billion in 2021 to $68 billion in 2024-25, on course to reach $100 billion by 2030 — a target Modi and Putin earlier set.

A source in New Delhi said the Modi-Putin summit would explore ways to expand India's exports to Russia, particularly in sectors like pharmaceuticals, agricultural produce, processed food products, and consumer products. India is also keen to increase fertiliser imports from Russia, he added.

No SC/ST Act protection after conversion to Christianity: HC

Says conversion nullifies benefits, regardless of any previously issued caste certificate

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

In a significant decision, the Allahabad High Court has held that the protective provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act cannot be extended to persons who have embraced another faith in which the caste system is not recognised.

A single bench of Justice Praveen Kumar Giri gave this ruling while dismissing a petition filed by Jitendra Kumar Sahni, who hailed from an SC community but had converted to Christianity, challenging his prosecution under various sections for allegedly denigrating Hindu gods and goddesses. In the affidavit filed before the court, Sahni sought protection under the SC/ST Act on the ground that he belonged to an SC community.

LEGAL TAKE

- **Court observes caste-based discrimination does not exist within the Christian faith**
- The provisions of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act cannot be extended to persons who have embraced another faith wherein the caste system is not recognised

The Court observed that caste-based discrimination does not exist within the Christian faith, and therefore, the basis for the Scheduled Caste classification stands nullified upon conversion, regardless of any previously issued caste certificate.

Protective provisions

"The SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act is intended to protect communities that historically faced caste-based discrimination. Consequently, its protective provisions cannot be extended to persons who have embraced another faith wherein the caste system is not recognised," it added.

The Court directed the District Magistrate, Maharajganj, to enquire into the applicant's religion within three months and, if he is found guilty of forgery, to take strict action in accordance with law so that such affidavits are not filed before the Court in future.

It also directed the Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, and the Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, to look into matters concerning Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, and to act as required under the law.

Setback for CBI as court orders release of Rubaiya case accused

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday suffered a significant setback in the decades-old Rubaiya Sayeed kidnapping case after a TADA court in Jammu rejected its plea seeking custody of Shafat Ahmad Shungloo, an accused who was arrested from Srinagar a day earlier.

The court ordered his release, dealing a blow to the agency's renewed attempts to push forward the high-profile 1989 case.

Shungloo, on whom the CBI had announced a Rs 10 lakh reward, was believed by investigators to be linked to the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) and allegedly associated with its incarcerated chief, Yasin Malik.

His arrest on Monday had sparked anticipation that the agency might secure a new breakthrough in the 36-year-old investigation. The CBI had produced him before the designated TADA court on Tuesday, seeking custodial interrogation to confront him with evidence gathered over the years. However, the court refused to grant the remand, citing insufficient grounds for custody, and ordered his release.

The case has seen fresh momentum over the past two years as the CBI intensified efforts to trace absconding suspects and consolidate evidence. The Rubaiya Sayeed kidnapping — one of the most defining incidents of insurgency-era Kashmir — took place on December 8, 1989, when JKLF operatives abducted the daughter of then Union Home Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed. Her release, secured after the government freed five jailed JKLF militants, is widely regarded by historians and security officials as a turning point that emboldened militant groups and accelerated the insurgency.

The case was revived in 2019 after TADA proceedings were reopened, following which Rubaiya Sayeed appeared in court for the first time in 2022 and identified several accused, including Yasin Malik. Malik, already sentenced in a separate terror-funding case, faces trial in both the kidnapping and several related terror cases from the late 1980s.

Cong faces heat over fresh rape charge against Kerala MLA

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: Putting the Congress in Kerala on the defensive ahead of the crucial local body polls, a fresh rape allegation has surfaced against Palakkad MLA Rahul Mamkootathil.

A 23-year-old Bengaluru resident has accused Mamkootathil of sexually assaulting her after allegedly promising marriage and later backing out. The woman reportedly sent e-mail petitions to both the Congress national and state leadership. Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee president Sunny Joseph told the media that her complaint has been forwarded to the police for necessary action.

Police had registered a sexual assault case against Mamkootathil last week, and he has been absconding since. His anticipatory bail plea is scheduled for hearing in a Thiruvananthapuram court on Wednesday, where he has also sought in-camera proceedings.

Congress leaders have tried to defend their position, saying that Mamkootathil was already suspended from the party and had resigned as Youth Congress state president when allegations first surfaced in August.

The CPM and the BJP have demanded that he step down from his MLA post.

A fresh complaint against the MLA came to light on Tuesday. The woman alleges she came into contact with Mamkootathil through social media, and as their relationship progressed, he proposed marriage. She claims that he later took her to a homestay outside Bengaluru with help of friend, where she was sexually assaulted, sustaining injuries.

Bombay HC postpones counting of municipal council polls

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

The counting of votes for the high-octane elections of nagar parishads (municipal councils) and nagar panchayats (town councils) will be held on December 21, following the elections on December 2 and 20, thanks to a Bombay High Court order.

The elections are being held in 288 local bodies — 246 municipal and 42 town councils. The polls were scheduled for Tuesday, and counting was to take place the next day.

However, the State Election Commission (SEC) postponed elections in 24 local bodies to December 20 after it detected widespread irregularities in the appeals process pertaining to rejected nomination papers.

The order for simultaneous counting for the polling on December 2 and 20 came from the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court on Tuesday. Justice Rajnish Vyas and Justice Anil Kilor directed the SEC not to publish the results on December 3 for the polls held the previous day.

It was instead directed that these were to be declared along with the results of the election to be held on December 20.

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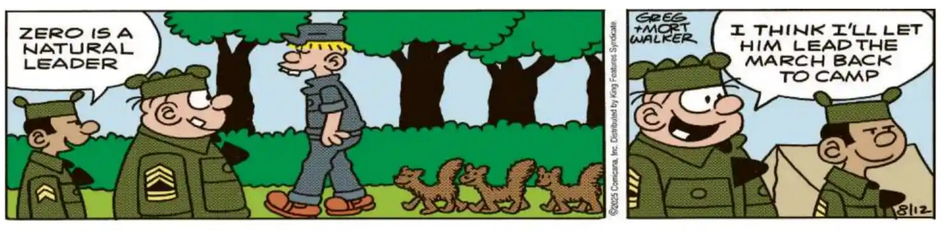
Blondie

WHEW! IT SEEMS EXTRA HOT TODAY!!
OH YEAH! HOTTER THAN A BLOW DRYER ON A HOT-WAXED SCALP IN THE SAHARA!!
IT'S HOTTER THAN A STEAMY SHAVE IN A SAUNA IN FLORIDA!
WOW, YOU'RE REALLY GETTING OVERHEATED ABOUT IT
YOU'RE RIGHT...I SHOULD PROBABLY JUST TURN THE AC ON!

Hagar The Horrible

YOUR EXCUSE JAR IS EMPTY AND I'M NOT REFILLING IT.!
STOP SHOUTING! THE MEDDLING NEIGHBOR LADY WILL HEAR YOU!
WHO CARES?
SHE'S WRITING MY LINES!

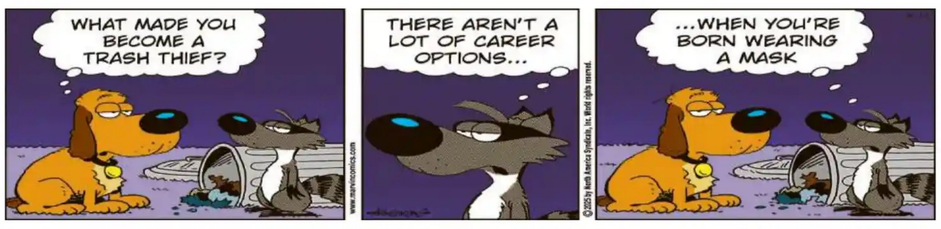
Beetle Bailey



Peanuts

HONK!
ALL RIGHT, "CRYBABY," TELL YOUR MOTHER TO CUT IT OUT!
SHE SITS THERE IN HER CAR, AND EVERY TIME YOU MAKE A GOOD SHOT, SHE HONKS THE HORN!
THE NEXT TIME SHE DOES THAT I'M GONNA TEAR OFF A WHEEL!
I COULD HAVE STAYED HOME AND GOTTEN INTO A NICE GENTLE DOGFIGHT

Marvin



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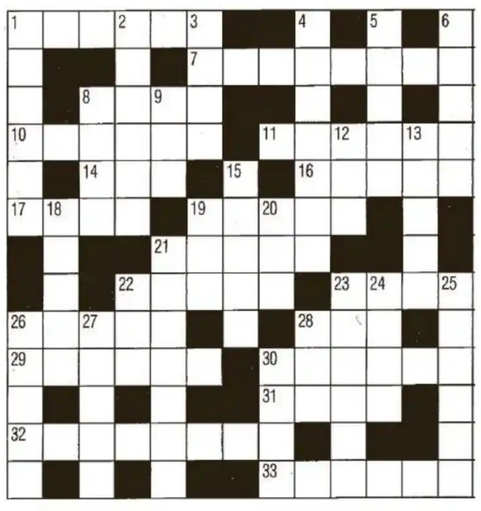

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Supplies of flowers (6)
7 So regain in order to coordinate (8)
8 The character of Maida Vale (4)
10 Ship's officer about to blow the whistle? (6)
11 Dreads wild snakes (6)
14 Fishy contribution to free love (3)
16 Machine never quite halted, possibly (5)
17 No phony earl, anyhow (4)
19 Destroyed a kingdom in the end, maybe (5)
21 We, sir, can get them crossed (5)
22 Nanny's brother? (5)
23 Look unmoved by a setback (4)
26 A dash for the takeaway (5)
28 A line from Browning (3)
29 Not accustomed to anything new (6)
30 They play softly in seaside places (6)
31 Abbreviation in current use (4)
32 They don't appreciate the seating arrangement outright (8)
33 Red artist? (6)

DOWN
1 Something to eat before breakfast (6)
2 It may take a hammering (6)
3 Reach the heights, so far heartless (4)
4 They have comparatively little power to illuminate (7)
5 Bolt a plate while it's hot (5)
6 Steer the short way (5)
8 A real shortage of space (4)
9 Derek misled? (3)
12 Many an advert will pop up again (3)
13 River of wine (5)
15 Like the tail of a dog crisply finished (5)
18 In Scotland, known for marbles (5)
19 Nothing short of a link-up (3)
20 Tonality suitable for a Largo (3)
21 Worldly and alliterative perhaps, he's a sage (4,3)
22 Is no end busy in the rush hour! (3)
23 A sound favourite, darling (6)
24 Females to exploit, we're told (4)
25 It reciprocates at various points (6)
26 Proverbial cure for savagery (5)
27 Push into a deep dungeon whence there's no return (5)
28 Border line in the Royal Marines (3)
30 In days gone by, dad was saintly (4)

ACROSS
1 Despot (6)
7 Copious (8)
8 Ceremonial splendour (4)
10 Star sign (6)
11 Free from danger (6)
14 Torn cloth (3)
16 Helicopter blade (5)
17 Gloomy, dismal (4)
19 Sensational (5)
21 Bathroom fitting (5)
22 Stinking (5)
23 Destiny (4)
26 Polite, courteous (5)
28 Droop (3)
29 Fridge compartment (6)
30 Muscle type (6)
31 Corrosive substance (4)
32 Congruent (8)
33 Shirt part (6)

DOWN
1 Sounded a horn (6)
2 Waterproof coat (6)
3 Faucets (4)
4 Receive by succession (7)
5 Whole range (5)
6 Guide (5)
8 Cat noise (4)
9 Drinking vessel (3)
12 Fish (3)
13 Cook in an oven (5)
15 Of sound or hearing (5)
18 Savoury jelly (5)
19 Illuminated (3)
20 Colour (3)
21 Dear (7)
22 Petty lie (3)
23 Easy to do (6)
24 Elderly (4)
25 Guarantee (6)
26 Cheroot, say (5)
27 Changes direction (5)
28 So or thus (3)
30 Sacks (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12300

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Sprat 6, Match 9, Gene-sis 10, Green 11, Sham-E 12, Paste 13, Soldier 15, Do-T 17, I'd-ea 18, Da-ni-sh 19, P-earl 20, Tar-tar 22, Date 24, HMS 25, S-O-me-how 26, Stump 27, Plain 28, A-I-tch 29, De-Clare 30, Baker 31, C-rate.
DOWN: 2, Peri-od 3, Agenda 4, Ten 5, C-Ed-ar 6, Mistral 7, As-he 8, Cameos 12, Pet-er 13, Sixth 14, Le(CH)ers 15, D-in-ah 16, Threw 18, Dr-o-op 19, Part-Ner 21, Am-Elia 22, Denier 23, Tomcat 25, Smile 26, Side 28, Arc.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Tapas 6, Smirk 9, Nirvana 10, Satin 11, Irish 12, Dregs 13, Berates 15, Peg 17, Idol 18, Revere 19, Boxer 20, Chalet 22, Face 24, Hen 25, Cumulus 26, Midas 27, Timid 28, Finds 29, Several 30, Amass 31, Tenet.
DOWN: 2, Abated 3, Animal 4, Sin 5, Avers 6, Snigger 7, Mars 8, Roster 12, Depot 13, Bitch 14, Roman 15, Pedal 16, Genes 18, Rebus 19, Besides 21, Helium 22, Futile 23, Cuddle 25, Cater 26, Miss 28, Fat.

◆SU-DO-KU-6767◆

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9	7	2	4	3	6	8	1	5
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SOLUTION TO 6766

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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E1 C3 M3 L1 K5 H4 O1	Triple Word Score	RACK 2
A1 A1 I1 N1 C3 T1 D2	Triple Word Score	RACK 3
U1 O1 I1 T1 N1 A1 C3	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 225-235
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

H4 E1 T1 E1 R1 O1	RACK 1 =	9
S1 W4 O1 O1 N1 S1	RACK 2 =	17
P3 R1 I1 O1 R1 S1	RACK 3 =	24
B3 A1 L1 C3 O1 N1 Y4	RACK 4 =	64
PAR SCORE 75-85	JUDD'S TOTAL	114

HITORI-3221

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SOLUTION TO 3220

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To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

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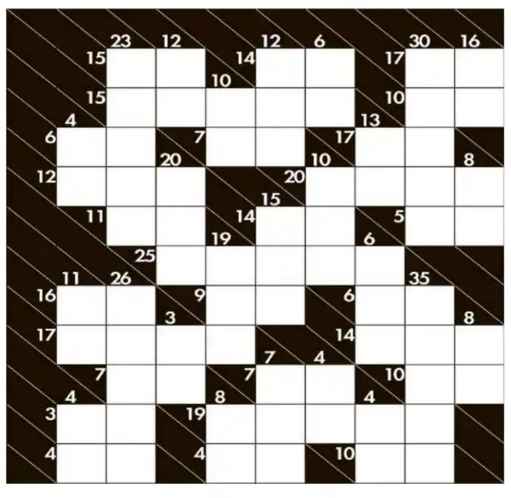

SOLUTION TO 3220

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

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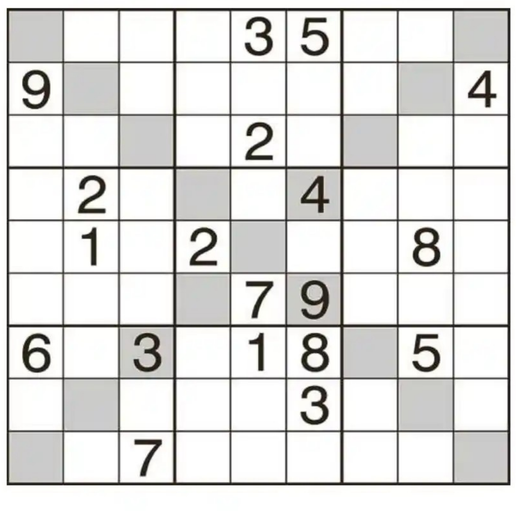

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4	5	6	2	7	9	3	8	1
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8	7	1	5	3	4	9	6	2

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

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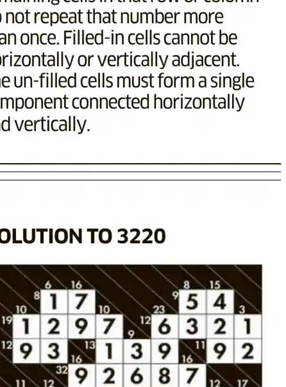
"I would not, could not, in the rain. Not in the dark. Not on a train. Not in a car. Not in a tree. I do not like them, Sam, you see."
Why won't he try anything?
The author wanted him to be like that. Let's read the rest though.
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Answer: They are a nuisance, but the tiny biting insects are just doing what comes — "GNAT-URALLY"

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India to procure more Heron drones from Israel

TEL AVIV, PTI: India has signed up to procure additional satellite-linked Heron MK II drones under emergency provisions, aiming to significantly enhance its defence capabilities following their effective use during Operation Sindoor, according to an Israeli defence industry source.

The Heron MK II Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), already in service with the Indian Army and Air Force, will now be incorporated into the Indian Navy, said the source working with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI).

In September, the defence ministry issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the acquisition of 87 MALE drones, with a focus on an indigenous "Make in India" programme that allows foreign collaboration. "For us, India is a major customer," the unnamed IAI official said. "Our partnership spans over three decades and generations of systems."

After Operation Sindoor, all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces selected the Heron MK II for emergency procurement, the official stated, but did not disclose the numbers.

"We are very proud that all three branches decided to purchase and operate the Heron Mark II," he said.

If Europe wants a war with Russia, we are ready: Putin

Europe undermining US-led Ukraine peace effort, says Russian prez

MOSCOW, AFP

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday that Russia was "ready" for war if Europe sought one, accusing the continent's leaders of attempting to sabotage a deal on the Ukraine conflict ahead of his meeting with US envoys.

The comments came as US envoy Steve Witkoff and President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner were in Moscow for high-stakes talks on ending the nearly four-year war, following days of intensive diplomacy. "We are not planning to go to war with Europe, but if Europe wants to and starts, we are ready right now," Putin told reporters in Moscow.

"They have no peaceful agenda; they are on the side of war," he added, reiterating his claim that European leaders were obstructing US efforts to broker peace in Ukraine.

He said that European changes to Trump's latest plan to end the war "aimed solely at one thing — to completely block the entire peace process and put forward demands that are absolutely unacceptable for Russia".

Washington has presented a 28-point draft to end the conflict, later amended after criticism from Kyiv and European capitals. The plan, strongly backed by Trump, has prompted fears in Europe that it could force Kyiv to concede territory or political ground to Moscow.

Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks with journalists during the VTB Investment Forum "Russia Calling!" in Moscow on Tuesday. REUTERS

Third Russian tanker attacked in Black Sea

A tanker carrying sunflower oil from Russia to Georgia was attacked in the Black Sea on Tuesday, days after two Russian "shadow fleet" oil tankers were targeted by Ukrainian naval drones, AP/PTI reports from Ankara.

Turkish Coast Guard said that the MIDVOLGA-2 came under attack about 130 km off its coast. The 13 crew members were unharmed. Responding to the attacks on its tankers, Putin threatened to sever Ukraine's access to the sea.

Russian prez meets Trump envoys Witkoff and Kushner

MOSCOW, AFP: Top US negotiators vying to end the war in Ukraine met with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday in a high-stakes meeting happening as Moscow pressed battlefield advances.

Putin, who received Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner and US special envoy Steve Witkoff in the Kremlin, signalled earlier that his forces were ready to fight on to achieve Russia's initial war goals.

The meeting is a crucial moment for Ukraine in what could be a fraught week following days of frantic diplomacy kicked off by a unilateral US plan to bring peace, which has since been revised under pressure from Kyiv and its European backers.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Monday that any plan must actually end the war for good, and not just lead to a pause in the fighting that began with Moscow's offensive in February 2022.

Washington has said it is "optimistic" it can help end Europe's bloodiest conflict since World War II.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Singer and actress Miley Cyrus attends the premiere for the film 'Avatar: Fire and Ash', in Los Angeles on Monday. REUTERS

Pakistan again claims of downing Indian jets during May conflict

▸ Pakistan's Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sindhu on Tuesday claimed without proof that his forces shot down "modern" Indian jets and defence system during the conflict with India in May, PTI reports from Islamabad.

The fresh claims came after Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A P Singh said in October that at least a dozen Pakistani aircraft, including US-origin F-16 jets and Chinese-origin JF-17s, were destroyed or damaged in Indian strikes. Addressing the passing out parade at Pakistan Air Force Academy in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindhu claimed Pakistani forces "shot down" India's "most modern and capable aircraft — including multiple Rafales, Su-30MKIs, Mirage 2000s, MiG-29s and unmanned aerial systems". Sindhu also called the May conflict a "fierce aerial engagement". He additionally claimed that Pakistani forces also struck Indian "bases and ground assets" from "north to south", and neutralised "the state-of-the-art S-400 air defence system and command-and-control centres".

OpenAI CEO declares 'code red'

▸ OpenAI CEO Sam Altman has set off a "code red" alert to employees to improve its flagship product, ChatGPT, and delay other product developments, AP/PTI reports from San Francisco.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Altman sent an internal memo to staff on Monday saying more work was needed to enhance the artificial intelligence chatbot's speed, reliability and personalisation features. This week marks three years since OpenAI first released ChatGPT, helping to spark global fascination and a commercial boom in generative AI technology. But the company faces increased competition with rivals, including Google, which last month unleashed Gemini 3, the latest version of its own AI assistant.

India denies delaying Pakistan's aid to Sri Lanka

Islamabad claims New Delhi delayed flight clearance

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Humanitarian aid for cyclone-hit Sri Lanka has become the latest flashpoint between India and Pakistan, after Islamabad accused New Delhi of delaying flight clearance for a Pakistani relief aircraft.

India rejected the allegation as "ridiculous" and said it had approved the request promptly.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that its special aircraft, carrying emergency supplies for Sri Lanka, had been held up for more than 60 hours awaiting Indian overflight permission. In a post on X, the ministry said the "partial" clearance India granted after 48 hours was "operationally impractical" because it was limited to a short time window and did not include approval for the return leg.

India dismissed the claims, calling them another attempt by Pakistan to spread misinformation. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the overflight request was received at the Indian High Commission in Islamabad at about 1 pm on December 1 and cleared the same day at 5:30 pm. "Given the urgency, the Government of India processed the request expeditiously," he said, adding that India "remains committed" to supporting the people of Sri Lanka.

Cyclone Ditwa made landfall on Sri Lanka's eastern coast on November 28, affecting more than 1.4 million people across all 25 districts. The storm caused 410 confirmed deaths and left 336 people missing, according to the World Health Organisation.

India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu on November 28 to support Sri Lanka rescue operations and emergency supplies. Indian Navy ships offloaded 9.5 tons of food rations in Colombo, while Indian Air Force aircraft delivered 31.5 tons of relief materials, including tents, blankets, hygiene kits, ready-to-eat meals, medicines and surgical equipment. India also deployed a medical team and 80 National Disaster Response Force personnel to assist rescue operations.

A nine months' pregnant woman in Puttalam is being evacuated by the India's National Disaster Response Force as part of Operation Sagar Bandhu in Sri Lanka on Tuesday. PTI

US defends follow-on strike on alleged drug boat

WASHINGTON, AFP

The United States has "only just begun" targeting alleged drug-trafficking boats, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth insisted Tuesday despite a growing outcry over strikes that critics say amount to extrajudicial killings.

Hegseth and the Trump's administration have come under fire, particularly over an incident in which US forces launched a follow-up strike on the wreckage of a vessel that had already been hit, reportedly killing two survivors.

Both the White House and Pentagon have sought to distance Hegseth from that decision — which some lawmakers have said could be a war crime — instead pinning the blame on the admiral who oversaw the operation. "We've only just begun striking narco boats and putting narco-terrorists at the bottom of the ocean, because they've been poisoning the American people," Hegseth said during a Tuesday cabinet meeting.

"We've had a bit of a pause because it's hard to find boats to strike right now — which is the entire point, right? Deterrence has to matter," Hegseth added.

PETE HEGSETH
US defence secretary

"We've only just begun striking narco boats and putting narco-terrorists at the bottom of the ocean, because they've been poisoning the American people.

Earlier on Tuesday, Pentagon Press Secretary Kingsley Wilson insisted that the strikes were legal. The operations "are lawful under both US and international law, with all actions in compliance with the law of armed conflict," she told a news conference.

Wilson also repeated the White House's assertion that Admiral Frank Bradley made "the decision to re-strike the narco-terrorist vessel," saying the senior Navy officer was "operating under clear and long-standing authorities to ensure the boat was destroyed."

"Any follow-on strikes like those which were directed by Admiral Bradley, the secretary 100 per cent agrees with," she added.

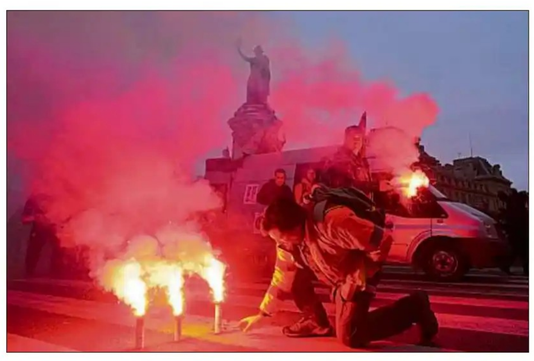
1,20,000 Korean home cameras hacked for sexual videos

SEOUL (NYT NEWS SERVICE): South Koreans have long been wary of hidden cameras in public toilets, subway stations and motel rooms. That fear increasingly extends to the cameras in their own homes.

Four people were arrested over the hacking of 1,20,000 home security cameras in South Korea, whose footage was used to make sexually exploitative material, the National Police Agency said Monday. It was the latest turn in South Korea's decade-long battle against the illicit electronic spying that officials say has compromised countless devices that people use in daily life.

The footage came from internet-connected cameras that were installed in homes, businesses, hospitals, saunas and other spaces, commonly to monitor children or pets. One of the people arrested made about $12,000 by selling the footage to a foreign website that shares illegal content, and another made twice as much, police said.

The hackers, who did not work together, were able to infiltrate the devices easily because they used vulnerable passwords with features like repeated characters or sequential numbers, police said.



Protesters light flares during a demonstration as part of a call by trade unions for higher wages and against austerity in Paris on Tuesday. AFP

Pak, China hold military drill

▸ Pakistan and China have launched the latest edition of the annual counter-terrorism exercise in the northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, PTI reports from Islamabad.

The exercise, called Warrior-IX, started on Monday at the National Counter Terrorism Centre in Pabbi, in Nowshera district, marking the ninth round of the Warrior series between the Pakistan army and China's People's Liberation Army, the Inter-Services Public Relations said in a statement. The exercise is aimed at boosting interoperability and defence cooperation, it said, adding that drills focus on counter-terrorism operations to refine professional skills, enhance coordination and share best practices in modern warfare.

DATA-DRIVEN WORLD

AI could worsen gaps between rich and poor: UN

BANGKOK, AP/PTI

Behind the hoopla over the promise of artificial intelligence lie difficult realities, including how such technology might affect people already disadvantaged in a data-driven world.

A new report by the United Nations Development Programme notes that most of the gains from AI are likely to be reaped by wealthy nations unless steps are taken to use its power to help close gaps in access to basic needs, as well as more advanced know-how.

The report released Tuesday likens the situation to the "Great Divergence" of the industrial revolution, when many Western countries saw rapid modernisation while others fell behind.

While much of the attention devoted to AI focuses on productivity, competitiveness and growth, the more important question is what it will mean for human lives, the authors note.

It is a pressing issue for communities where most people are still struggling to access skills, electric power and internet connectivity; for older people; and for those displaced by war, civil conflict and climate disasters.

At the same time, such people may be "invisible" in data that does not take them into account, the report said. "As a general-purpose technology, AI can lift productivity, spark new industries, and help latecomers catch up," the report says.

Better advice on farming, analysis of X-rays within seconds and faster medical diagnoses, more effective weather forecasts and improved damage assessments hold promise for rural communities and areas prone to natural disasters.

Imran is alive, but subjected to mental torture: Sister

LAHORE, REUTERS

Imran Khan, Pakistan's jailed former prime minister, is in good physical health but facing isolation and psychological strain, his sister said on Tuesday, after a rare supervised visit following weeks in which his family said access had been blocked.

Uzma Khanum, one of Khan's three sisters, was the only family member permitted to meet him in Adiala Jail, where supporters of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party had gathered outside to protest against conditions of his detention. She told reporters her brother "looked healthy" but had been confined indoors for long periods with no communication with relatives or aides.

Uzma Khanum speaks to the media after meeting Imran Khan in Rawalpindi on Tuesday. PTI

"He is physically well," said Khanum, who is a doctor. "But he is kept inside all the time and only goes out for a short while. There is no contact with anybody."

The meeting took place under strict supervision and without mobile devices, she said, declining to provide further details.

Taliban carry out public execution

KABUL, AP/PTI: Afghanistan's Taliban authorities carried out a public execution at a stadium in the eastern city of Khost on Tuesday, putting to death a man whom the country's Supreme Court said had killed 13 members of a family, including several children, earlier this year.

Tens of thousands of people, including relatives of the victims, attended the execution in the sports stadium, which the Supreme Court said was the 11th carried out since the Taliban seized power in 2021 in the wake of the chaotic withdrawal of US and Nato forces.

Russia backs China on Taiwan

▸ Russia on Tuesday reiterated its "unwavering" support for China on issues related to Taiwan and Tibet, calling Beijing the "sole legitimate" authority, PTI reports from Moscow.

Russian Security Council Secretary Sergey Shoigu made the remarks during his meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who is in Moscow for Sino-Russian strategic security consultations.

"I would like to affirm our consistent and unwavering support for Beijing on the issues of Taiwan, Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong. The government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate government representing all of China," Shoigu said.

"The Desert Rose", a 31.86-carat fancy vivid orangy-pink pear-shaped diamond, the largest of its kind, is on display ahead of its auction by Sotheby's in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday. AFP

Endangered species convention proposes stricter rules

SAMARKAND, AP/PTI: A growing exotic pet trade has prompted conservationists to call for stronger regulations to protect reptiles, birds and other animals increasingly appearing for sale on internet marketplaces and gaining popularity on social media.

The two-week Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora is scheduled to run through Friday in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Several proposals related to the pet trade will be considered on Tuesday.

Participants have proposed tighter regulations or complete bans on the trade of several species, including iguanas from the Galapagos Islands, more than a dozen species of Latin American tarantulas and an unusual turtle from Africa.

"What we are seeing is the pet trade focusing far more on reptiles and amphibians. People want rare species and they do not need to go to a pet shop," said Susan Lieberman, vice president of non-profit group, Wildlife Conservation Society.

Govt working towards mitigating US tariff impact on exports

Immediate relief through measures of RBI, Credit Guarantee Scheme

NEW DELHI, PTI

SUPPORT FOR EXPORTERS

- Multi-pronged strategy encompassing engagement with the US for a mutually beneficial India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement
- Enhancement of domestic demand through GST reforms, and negotiating FTAs with new countries to offer immediate relief
- RBI has initiated trade relief measures for affected exporters, including providing debt repayment moratorium and extension of tenor for export credit

Jitin Prasada

The government on Tuesday said it is taking steps, such as announcing an export promotion mission, to mitigate the impact of the US tariffs on domestic goods.

In a written reply to Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Jitin Prasada said it is expected that these measures will enhance diversification and resilience in India's trade relationships. "The government continues to work to mitigate the impact of the US tariffs on Indian exports through a comprehensive multi-pronged strategy encompassing intensive engagement with the US government for a mutually beneficial India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement," he said.

He added that immediate relief has been given through trade relief measures of the RBI and announcement of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters, enhancement of domestic demand through GST reforms, and negotiating FTAs with new countries.

On July 31 this year, the US issued an executive order with reciprocal tariff rates for its trading partners. The order notified country-specific additional ad-valorem duty rates for certain American trading partners, including those which have agreed to, or are in the process of concluding trade agreements with them.

These tariffs are in the range of 15-41%, with the tariff on India being 25%. It came into effect on August 7. The US, on August 6, imposed an additional tariff of 25% on India, citing its purchase of Russian oil. The tariffs took effect on August 27.

These tariffs apply to products in sectors such as textiles, handicrafts, leather, certain agricultural items, marine products and engineering goods, he informed.

About the export promotion mission, Prasada said the mission will provide a comprehensive, flexible, and digitally driven framework for export promotion, with a total outlay of Rs 25,060 crore for 2025-26 to 2030-31.

The RBI has also initiated trade relief measures for eligible affected exporters, including provision for debt repayment moratorium and extension of tenor for export credit, he added.

With an aim for promotion of export diversification, India has signed 15 FTAs and six Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with its trading partners. "The government is working with all stakeholders to enable our exporters to better utilise the benefits of India's FTAs with major markets such as Japan, South Korea, the UAE and effectively utilise the opportunities that have been created with the recently concluded FTAs," he said.

Bourses decline for 3rd day; Sensex down 504 pts

Contraction in IIP data, weak rupee drive dip

MUMBAI, PTI

Stock markets declined on Tuesday, with the benchmark Sensex tumbling nearly 504 points due to selling in blue-chip bank stocks and Reliance Industries, and persistent foreign fund outflows.

Falling for the third straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 503.63 points or 0.59% to settle at 85,138.27. During the day, the benchmark tanked 588.9 points or 0.68% to hit a low of 85,053. The index had scaled a record high level in intra-day trade in the previous session, but closed lower due to profit booking in the second half.

The 50-share NSE Nifty declined by 143.55 points or 0.55% to 26,032.20.

Among Sensex firms, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank, Bharat Electronics and Larsen & Toubro were the biggest laggards. However, Asian Paints, Maruti, Bharti Airtel and Bajaj Finance were among the gainers.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,171.31 crore on Monday, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought stocks worth Rs 2,558.93 crore, according to exchange data.

"FII selling has once again gathered pace and in the last three sessions have sold domestic shares worth more than Rs 6,000 crore. Valuations at elevated levels and delay in the announcement of the Indo-US trade deal are causing a lot of anxiety amongst the investors looking at fresh positive triggers. The rupee's downward spiral is also adding to investors discomfort," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

The rupee breached the psychological 90-a-dollar level in intraday trade before settling 46 paise down at an all-time low of 89.99 against the US dollar on Tuesday. The BSE small-cap gauge declined 0.49% and mid-cap index dipped by 0.14%. Among sectoral indices, services dropped 1.03%, financial services (0.78%), bankex (0.75%), industrials (0.49%) and utilities (0.40%). BSE Telecommunication, consumer durables, tech and auto were the winners. A total of 2,563 stocks declined while 1,586 advanced and 167 remained unchanged on the BSE.

In Asian markets, Shanghai's SSE Composite index settled lower while South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended in positive territory. The decline was primarily driven by a sharp contraction in the IIP data, weakness in the rupee, and caution ahead of the upcoming US Fed and RBI policy decisions later in the week, Ajit Mishra – SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said.

Markets in Europe were trading higher. US markets ended lower on Monday.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, dipped 0.33 per cent to USD 62.96 per barrel.

Rupee closes at all-time low of 89.96 against US dollar

MUMBAI, PTI: The rupee hit the psychological 90-a-dollar level in intraday trade before settling 43 paise down at an all-time low of 89.96 against the US dollar on Tuesday, largely owing to continued short-covering from speculators and sustained importer demand for the American currency.

Forex traders said multiple pressures, like foreign fund outflows from equities and lingering uncertainty over the Indo-US trade deal, are keeping investor sentiment fragile.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 89.70, then lost its ground and fell to a record intraday low of 90.00 against the US dollar, down 47 paise over its previous close.

At the end of trade on Tuesday, the rupee settled at a record low of 89.96 against the greenback, down 43 paise over its previous close.

On Monday, the rupee depreciated by 8 paise to close at 89.53 against the US dollar. "The 90 level is a major psychological barrier — and a cluster of buy-stop orders likely sits above it. This is precisely why the RBI must remain active below 90; if the pair starts sustaining above this zone, the market could quickly shift into a higher trending phase toward 91.00 or even higher," said Anindya Banerjee, Head Commodity and Currency, Kotak Securities.

At this stage, it is essential for the RBI to prevent speculators from becoming too comfortable with a one-way trend, as that can trigger an unnecessary spike in USD-INR volatility, Banerjee added.

According to Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan, the rupee hit a fresh all time low of 89.96 amid persistent FII outflows and widening trade deficit.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.06% higher at 99.41.

Gold prices decline Rs 1,670 amid weak trends in international markets

NEW DELHI, PTI: Gold prices plunged Rs 1,670 to Rs 1,31,530 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday, amid weak global cues, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9% purity had settled at Rs 1,33,200 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

"Gold edged lower on Tuesday as traders booked profits after prices hit a multi-week high in the previous session, while a cautious approach adopted by traders before the important US macro data due later this week also contributed to the decline," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

However, silver extended its rally for the sixth straight session and soared Rs 4,360 to Rs 1,81,360 per kg (inclusive of all taxes). It had closed

at Rs 1,77,000 per kg on Monday, as per the association.

Praveen Singh, Head of Commodities, Mirae Asset ShareKhan, said domestic bullion prices are drawing support from an extremely weak Indian rupee that has slumped to a record low of 89.95 against the US dollar on trade deal uncertainty.

On the global front, spot gold fell by $45.17, or 1.07%, to $4,187 per ounce, while silver was trading 1.77% lower at $56.97 per ounce.

"Gold eased to around $4,200 on profit-taking, while silver declined nearly 2% to $57 as investors took a breather after the metal's accelerated six-day advance and awaited key US data releases later in the week," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP Commodity Research, Kotak Securities, said.

Renisha Chainani, Head – Research at Augmont, said the anticipation that the incoming US Fed Chair may take a more dovish stance is helping to cap the downside for both gold and silver.

Amar Subramanya is AI VP at Apple

BENGALURU, DHNS: iPhone maker Apple has named researcher Amar Subramanya as its vice-president of AI. He will be replacing John Giannandrea, the company's senior VP for machine learning and AI strategy.

Subramanya is a graduate from Bangalore University. According to his LinkedIn profile, he completed his Bachelor of Engineering (BE) Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering from the university in 2001, and joined IBM as a software engineer. He previously worked in Microsoft and joined Google as Staff Research Scientist in June 2009. He also briefly led AI efforts at Microsoft.

Apple in a statement said Subramanya will lead critical areas, including Apple foundation models, ML research and AI safety & evaluation.

His appointment comes at a time when tech giants are enhancing their AI services. Subramanya will report to software chief Craig Federighi.

In a statement, Apple CEO Tim Cook said, "AI has long been central to Apple's strategy, and we are pleased to welcome Amar to Craig's leadership team and to bring his extraordinary expertise to Apple. These leadership moves will help us continue to push the boundaries of what is possible through AI."

Apple, Samsung to discuss Sanchar Saathi order with govt

NEW DELHI, PTI: Apple and Samsung will discuss Sanchar Saathi app order with the Centre and find a middle path on the directive for its pre-installation on phones, sources said.

In an order dated November 28, 2025, the DoT directed manufacturers and importers to ensure that its fraud reporting app, Sanchar Saathi, is pre-installed on all new devices and installed via a software update on existing handsets. "Apple will discuss the order on Sanchar Saathi installation and work out a middle path with them. The company may not be able to implement the order in the current form," a source said.

Also, Samsung is reviewing the order and may also discuss it with the government before implementation.

Wakefit's IPO to open on Dec 8

NEW DELHI, PTI: Furnishings firm Wakefit Innovations Ltd is aiming to raise Rs 1,289 crore through its IPO, which opens for subscription on December 8. The company has fixed a price band of Rs 185-195 per share for its maiden offering, valuing the Bengaluru-based firm at nearly Rs 6,400 crore.

The IPO will close on December 10, while anchor investors will be allocated shares on December 5.

The public issue comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth up to Rs 377.18 crore and an Offer for Sale (OFS) of 4,67,54,405 shares, valued at around Rs 912 crore, taking the total issue size to Rs 1,289 crore.

As part of the OFS, promoters — Ankit Garg and Chaitanya Ramalingegowda — along with other selling shareholders — Nitika Goel, Peak XV Partners Investments VI, Redwood Trust, Verlinvest SA, SAI Global India Fund I LLP, and Paramark KB Fund I — will offload shares. Following the stake sale, the promoters' holding will come down to around 37% from the current 43.70%, said Ramalingegowda, Co-founder and Executive Director of Wakefit.

Moving to the utilisation of funds, Wakefit plans to deploy Rs 15.4 crore from the fresh issue for purchasing equipment and machinery and Rs 161.4 crore for lease-related payments for existing stores.

Another Rs 31 crore has been earmarked for setting up 117 new COCO (Company-Owned Company-Operated) stores.

'One in five new Web3 developers worldwide is Indian'

BENGALURU, DHNS

India has the largest Web3 talent base and one in five new Web3 developers worldwide is Indian, said Hashed Emergent, the venture capital arm of blockchain-focused firm Hashed.

At the third edition of India Blockchain Week (IBW) 2025 conference here, Hashed Emergent Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner Tak Lee in his keynote explained how India wins big in Web3.

Web3 is a decentralised blockchain-powered internet that uses crypto as well as blockchain technologies. In Web3, users have greater ownership. "We're the No 1. country for crypto adoption three years running, with 115 million users. Meanwhile, we still have high taxation and no clear legal framework," he said.

Crypto exchanges and experts who participated in the conference called for regulatory clarity.

Hashed Emergent also pointed out that though one in five Web3 developers worldwide is Indian, almost all of them incorporate their companies abroad since they cannot access proper fundraising structures here.

Indian VCs have over $20 billion in unallocated capital, but less than 1% goes to Web3.

For the world's second-largest cryptocurrency exchange Bybit, India is one of the world's most active and fast-growing Web3 markets. "By directly engaging with builders, traders, and young innovators across cities, we aim to co-create products and initiatives that truly serve local needs. Our focus is on trust, education, and empowering the next 100 million Indians entering the digital asset economy," Bybit Country Manager Vikas Gupta said.

India is home to over 1,200 Web3 startups, and nearly 12% of the global blockchain developer pool.

"Across APAC, we are moving beyond speculation toward real, regulated infrastructure. Governments are implementing guardrails, institutional capital is tokenising realworld assets, and stablecoins are being built within regulatory frameworks. This structural shift enables scalable Web3 adoption," Binance Head of APAC SB Seker said.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
MANGALURU DIVISION MANGALURU
Ref :PWD:MD:TND:(31E): 2025-26:JE-2: Dated: 01.12.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION / (Karnataka Public E-Procurement Portal)

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Division. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under K.P.P Portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTPP Act Indent No: 22431 (Est.Amount Rs.200.00 Lakhs) **Head of Account: 4059-80-051-0-29-386 Department Building.** The Last date for reciept of tender: **22.12.2025 upto 17.00 Hours.**

Indent No: 21726 (Est. Amount Rs.6020.00 Lakhs) And Indent No: 30153 (Est.Amount Rs.900.00 Lakhs) under the **Head of Account: 4059-80-051-0-32-386 Court Building.** The Last date for reciept of tender: **16.01.2026 upto 17.00 Hours.**

Tenders for the above works are invited as per the Standard Tender Document –4. Further details such as value of work, amount put to tender, EMD etc., can be accessed on the KPP Portal at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Further, for more details can contact O/o, Case Worker, Executive Engineer's Office, PWD, Mangaluru Division, Mangaluru during official working hours. **Contact No: 0824-2423169.**

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BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Special Division,
IPP Centre, 16th Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru - 560 003
No: BWCC/EE/SD/Advertisment/01/2025-26 Date: 02-12-2025
NOTIFICATION

Application for Engagement of Qualified Professionals for the Urban Design Cell at the Bengaluru West City Corporation.

The Bengaluru West City Corporation invites applications on behalf of the Commissioner, BWCC, Bengaluru for the engagement of Qualified Professionals for the Urban Design Cell for period of one year extendable for another one year, subjected to periodic performance. These positions aim to strengthen on-going initiatives in Urban Development and Planning within the region. Eligible candidates are requested to fill the details in this https://bbmp.gov.in/urban-design and upload relevant documents to support their application.

The Available Positions are:

1) Urban planner - Fellow/Consultants -1 No
2) Urban Designer - Fellow/Consultants -1 No
3) Urban Transport Planning Expert - Fellow/Consultant -1 No

For more information regarding the role, please read the document: Urban Design Cell (https://bbmp.gov.in/urban-design)

Time Schedule/Calendar of events:

1. Start Date for submission of application form **02-12-2025**
2. Last Date for submission of application form **15-12-2025**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Special Division,
Bengaluru West City Corporation

HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BENGALURU-01
HCC No.43/2025 Date: 29.11.2025
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is called by the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru for Contract for "Sanitization Services/House Keeping" in the premises of the High Court of Karnataka, Dharwad Bench, Dharwad through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Centre for e-Governance, Bengaluru.

The last date to upload the tender is fixed as on **16.12.2025 at 4:00 p.m.** For more details visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/searchTender/ live** website.

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(N.G.Dinesh)
Registrar (Computers) and
Tender Inviting And Accepting
Authority, High Court of Karnataka,
Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4133/MAA/2025-26

KSHIP
KARNATAKA STATE HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KSHIP Division, #F149,
1st Floor, Bharathnagar, Stage-1, East West College Road, BEL Layout,
Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 091.
No:EE/KSHIP/BNG/DIV/TENDER NOTIFICATION/2025-26/02 Date: 02-12-2025
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through KPP Portal)

Karnataka State Highway Improvement Project proposes to take up the work "KSHIP-3 Package-1C Shifting of Common Property Resources (CPR) in Bangalore (Nice road) to Magadi, from Magadi to NH-75 via-Chikkamudigere & Iyandanahalli" on item rate tender basis on single cover system. Interested bidders can participate through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) of GoK and documents can be downloaded from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The last date of receipt of tender is on **10-12-2025 upto 4:30 p.m.** and the bids will be opened on **12-12-2025 at 11:30 a.m.** Additional information can be obtained by visiting the office during office hours.

Note: Please note that henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through Newspapers and further changes will be updated only on the KPP Portal / GoK/KSHIP **Website www.kship.in**

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Executive Engineer
KSHIP Division, Bengaluru.

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Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(Wholly owned by Govt. of Karnataka undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal)

BESCOM invites tenders in **Two Cover System** for the following works.

Sl. No.	Enquiry No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender	EMD Amount in Rs.
1	BESCOM/2025-26/SE0397	Providing **Architectural Consultancy Services** for Preparation of Structural designs including structural drawings all Services for BESCOM Building for the work 'Construction of building for S-7 Sub Division office, S-17 Sub Division office and Murgeshpalya O&M unit office of S-3 Sub Division at HAL 2nd stage, old Airport Road, Bangalore duly dismantling of S-17 Sub division and Murgeshpalya O&M unit office'.	11.05 Lakhs	28,000/- (Rupees Twenty eight thousand only)
2	BESCOM/2025-26/SE0398	Appointment of **PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY** Services for BESCOM Building for the work 'Construction of building for S-7 Sub Division office, S-17 Sub Division office and Murgeshpalya O&M unit office of S-3 Sub Division at HAL 2nd stage, old Airport Road, Bangalore duly dismantling of S-17 Sub division and Murgeshpalya O&M unit office'.	14.73 Lakhs	37,000/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Thousand only)

Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **12.12.2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Last Date & Time for Receipts of Tenders: **16.12.2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Date & Time of Opening Technical Bid: **17.12.2025 at 16.30 Hrs.** Date & time of Opening Price bid. Will be intimated after technical evaluation to the responsive bidder.

The Details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal by visiting web site **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after Dated: **02.12.2025.** For any Clarification contact KPP portal helps desk **+91-80-46010000** or **+91-8068948777** or email to **support@eprochelpdesk.com**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Ele.,
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ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾಂಡೇಲಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯ ವಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿವ್ಹಿಲ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ. (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್) ಮೂಲಕ

ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ ದಲ್ಲಿ 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಗುಂದ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ **Construction of Group House** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಚಿಸುವವರು ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP

India punch quarters ticket

Manmeet, Sharda net braces in 5-0 win over Switzerland

MOHAMED FARZAN
MADURAI

India booked their quarterfinal berth with a 5-0 victory against Switzerland in the Pool B encounter of the FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup here at the Madurai International Hockey Stadium on Tuesday.

Manmeet Singh and Sharda Nand Tiwari's brace each helped world No. 2 India register a comfortable victory in their final group stage encounter.

Birthday boy Manmeet Singh opened the scoring in the early moments of the game with a fine shot into an open goal, courtesy of an assist by Dilraj Singh. The Indian team earned a penalty corner, but Timo Graf made no mistake to deny India's opportunity.

Manmeet Singh got his name on the score sheet once again to complete his brace. Talem Priyobarta took a free hit and a deflection of Manmeet's stick helped the hosts double their lead. Two minutes later, drag-flicker Sharda Nand Tiwari converted a penalty corner to extend India's lead to 3-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Arshdeep Singh scored India's lone goal in the second quarter to head into the halftime with a four-goal lead. Manmeet Singh took his shot at goal, but a good save by the Swiss goalkeeper Timo Graf denied him a hat-trick. However, Arshdeep made the best use of his wrists and found the back of the net with a backhand shot. The third quarter ended with no goals and the Indian Colts had the upper hand with four goals. Switzerland earned a penalty stroke in the dying minutes of the third quarter. Yannick Hug stepped up to take the shot, but a good move towards his right by the Indian goalkeeper, Prince Deep Singh, helped the team continue their clean sheet streak. In the final quarter, Sharda Nand Tiwari continued his successful penalty corner conversion rate, brushing one past the Swiss defenders and goalkeeper to score his second goal of the night.

India defeated Switzerland 5-0 in their last Pool B match on Tuesday to book their quarterfinal spot in the FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup. HI

Arshdeep tapped the ball into the goalpost in the dying seconds of the match. However, the goal was disallowed following a video referral as Indian attacker Dilraj Singh pushed a Swiss defender inside the circle, resulting in a 5-0 victory for the hosts.

Despite losing the game, a commendable performance from Switzerland's goalkeeper, Timo Graf, was the highlight for the European nation. He denied the Bule Colts a few goals with some exceptional saves throughout the match.

India will have to work on their penalty corner conversion, having scored on two of the eight penalty corners earned. Both PC goals come from Sharda Nand Tiwari's stick, who hasn't been letting the side miss the services of star drag flicker Araijeet Singh Hundal.

Earlier in the day, Chile defeated Oman 2-0 in another Pool B contest at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai. Felipe Duisberg and Tomas Taborga scored a goal each off penalty corners in the dead-rubber match to help the South American nation end their group stage campaign on a high.

India topped Pool B with nine points, winning all three encounters. Switzerland (6 points), Chile (3 points) and Oman (0 points) were the three other nations pitted in the pool. The hosts will return to Chennai to play their quarterfinal clash on Friday.

Results: Pool B: India: 5 (Manmeet Singh 2nd, 11th, Sharda Nand Tiwari 13th , 54th, Arshdeep Singh 28th); Chile: 2 (Felipe Duisberg 10th, Tomas Taborga 47th) bt Oman: 0.

Precocious Mustafa blazing his own trail on the green baize

Bengaluru kid, 12, swept both billiards and snooker Junior & Sub-junior titles in just-concluded State-ranking event

SIDNEY KIRAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

When Sajjad Ahmed, the owner of the popular Q Castle Academy in Fraser Town, decided to open a new snooker/pool parlour in Shanti Nagar a little over a year ago, among the first things he did was to build an exclusive table for his 12-year-old son, Mohammed Mustafa. Having been in the cue sports business for over two decades, Sajjad saw something special in his kid the moment he touched a cue stick as a 10-year-old.

"During weekends, Mustafa and my elder son would accompany me to the parlour. Seeing everyone play, Mustafa too wanted to try his hand. And within a few weeks, without much coaching whatsoever, Mustafa was potting like experienced players. Around the same time, I was planning to expand my business. So I built a table just for him at my new facility. It's called the Mustafa table and only he plays on it," Sajjad told *DH*.

Most parents have a soft corner for their children and often go the extra mile to make things easy for them. But Mustafa, who has forged a strong bond with the green baize so much so that it has become the No. 1 priority in his life now, has vindicated his father's decision by completely bossing the Junior and Sub-junior categories in both snooker and billiards in the recently concluded State-ranking tournaments.

In the Sub-junior billiards final, he defeated Nachiketa Koushik 199-114 and then blanked Karan Sheshadri 2-0 (55-36, 68-18) in the snooker title clash. In the Junior category, where the champion in both billiards and snooker was decided based on performances in the semifinal league, Mustafa won all six of his matches across both disciplines.

What was most impressive about Mustafa, a home-schooling student, was the dominance he exhibited. Barring a close-fought 251-249 win over Mayank Karthik in billiards, he was a cut above the rest of the competition, romping home in effortless fashion. In snooker, which was best-of-five clashes, he lost just one frame in three matches. Mustafa even tested the waters in the senior category and finished inside the top 16 in billiards and top 32 in snooker.

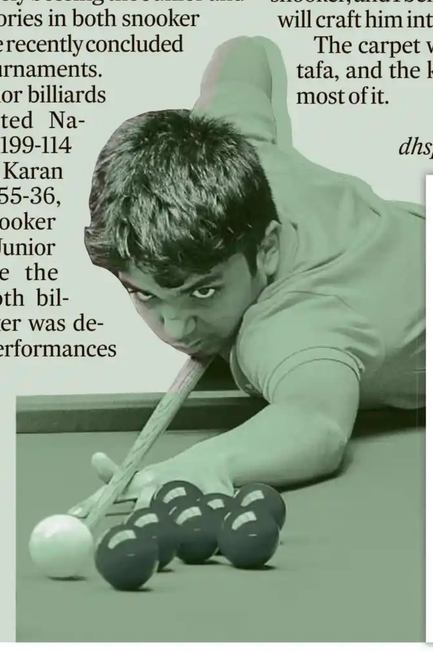
The primary reason behind his rapid growth is the right coaching at the right time. Mustafa has been consulting with the legendary Yasin Merchant for snooker and Ashok Shandilya for billiards — both in Mumbai. In fact, Mustafa had a few sessions with them before competing in the State-ranking event, and those improvements were visible at the KSBA hall.

Buoyed by the title sweep, Mustafa has now set his eyes on the Nationals next year. "That's my main target. Strong performances there will put me on the national radar. I will be competing in the seniors also to gain experience. Snooker & billiards are my life, and I want to make my dad proud."

Sajjad is ready to support his son's ambitions. "He's a massive fan of Ronnie O'Sullivan. After the Nationals, I'm planning to send him to the United Kingdom for coaching. The UK is the place for professional snooker, and I believe learning from the best will craft him into a solid player."

The carpet will be rolled out for Mustafa, and the kid is keen on making the most of it.

For feedback, email to dhsports@deccanherald.co.in



RIGHT ON CUE

- **Mohammed Mustafa** swept to glory in both billiards and snooker disciplines in Junior and Sub-junior categories in the just-concluded State-ranking tournament.
- In the Junior category, Mustafa won all his six matches in the semifinal league of both billiards and snooker combined.
- Mustafa, 12 years old, started to play two years ago at his father's Q Castle Academy.

Bajrang Punia

Delhi High Court rejects Punia, Vinesh's petition

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Delhi High Court has dismissed petitions filed by top wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat and Satyawart Kadian challenging the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) December 2023 elections, after they failed to appear before the court on multiple dates.

Back then Sanjay Singh had become the president beating Anita Sheoran, a candidate backed by the three Olympians. The bench, hearing the matter on November 27, noted that none of the petitioners were present when the matters were taken up, and recorded that they had also remained absent for the previous two hearings.

"The petitioners do not seem to be interested in prosecuting the present matters," the court said in its order.

The wrestlers had moved the High Court, alleging that the WFI elections were not conducted in a fair and transparent manner. Their plea sought intervention against alleged procedural lapses and irregularities in the election process. With continuous non-appearance from the petitioners, the court dismissed the petitions in default.

WI keep NZ in check

CHRISTCHURCH, AFP

New Zealand reached 231-9 at stumps on a rain-shortened day one of the first Test against the West Indies Tuesday after Justin Greaves triggered a middle-order collapse with the wicket of Kane Williamson.

New Zealand tumbled from 94-1 to 148-6 on a bowler-friendly wicket after Williamson was dismissed for 52, his 38th half-century. Michael Bracewell and Nathan Smith arrested the slide with a 52-run stand for the seventh wicket. Smith eventually fell for 23 and Bracewell for 47.

After Matt Henry went for eight, Zak Foulkes and Jacob Duffy were both on four when bad light stopped play after 70 overs of a truncated day.

Bracewell and Smith's partnership was the second face-saving stand for New Zealand after Williamson and Tom Latham put on 93 following the dismissal of Devon Conway on the third ball of the Test. The green wicket and heavy cloud cover ensured West Indies skipper Roston Chase gave his pace attack first use of the new ball and it revived memories of Calypso quicks from a previous era.

But after the immediate success of Kemar Roach, who removed Conway, the West Indies were made to wait 29 overs before again tasting success.

Brief scores: New Zealand: 231/9 in 70 overs (Kane Williamson 52, Tom Blundell 29, Michael Bracewell 47; Kemar Roach 2-47, Ojay Shields 2-34, Justin Greaves 2-35) vs West Indies.

Ashwa Kanchenjunga wins Mysore Race Club Cup

DELHI RESULTS

S Nawab-trained Ashwa Kanchenjunga and ridden by K Nazil won the Mysore Race Club Cup, the feature event of the Delhi races on Tuesday.

1. Bird Valley Plate - 1200M: Poly Czar (Arjun) 1; Real Boss (Kundan Paswan) 2; Fearless Brave (Saurav Rawat) 3; Quality Assurance (Rakesh) 4; Wb: 9, 2-1/4, 2-1/4L. T: 1:14.44. TB: SH Abbas. Fav: Poly Czar.

2. Coorg Plate (Div I) -1200M: Rocket Rod (Shivam) 1; Master Stoute (Faizan Khan) 2; Lady Danger (Aasif Khan) 3; Little More (Lave Kumar) & Euphoria (Yash Saini) Dht 4; NR: Insta Millionaire Wb: 5-1/2, 9L, Nk. T: 1:12.33. TB: KP Singh. Fav: Little More.

3. Coorg Plate (Div II) - 1200M: Master Causeway (Riazuddin) 1; Burning Desire (Dhanu Deora) 2; Ustaad Ji (Arjun) 3; Country's Magic (Yousaf) 4; NR: Franco. Wb: 1/2, 1-3/4, 3/4L. 1:13.53. TB: SM Abbas. Fav: Burning Desire.

4. Mysore Palace Plate - 1200M: Big Tymer (RN Manjhi) 1; Tequila (Aasif Khan) 2; Maya (Vishal Shivhare) 3; Trusted Friend (Arjun) 4; Wb: 3-1/2, 4, 2-3/4L. T: 1:11.90. TB: Imdad Ali Khan. Fav: Tequila.

5. Mysore Race Club Cup - 1100M: Ashwa Kanchenjunga (K Nazil) 1; Amazing A One (Vishal Shivhare) 2; Lodge Keeper (Rakesh) 3; Ashwa Manslu (Narendra Kumar) 4; Wb: Nk, Shd, 8-1/2L. T: 1:04.68. TB: S Nawab. Fav: Ashwa Kanchenjunga.

6. Chamundi Hill Plate - 1000M: Striking Distance (Arjun) 1; Royal Baby (Dhanu Deora) 2; Meridia (RN Manjhi) 3; Alex (MB Qureshi) 4; Wb: 1, 1/2, 3/4L. T: 1:00.01. TB: Mohsin Khan. Fav: Juggaad.

Bengaluru dividends

I race: Rs 13w; 10, 26p; Fc: Rs 34; Q: Rs 25; Shp: Rs 21; Thp: Rs 38; Tri: Rs 188 & 218; Ex: Rs 382 & 64.

II race: Rs 35w; 13, 12, 37p; Fc: Rs 79; Q: Rs 51; Shp: Rs 25; Thp: Rs 97; Tri: Rs 1,106 & 1,896; Ex: Rs 1,606 & 442.

III race: Rs 43w; 18, 10, 10p; Fc: Rs 91; Q: Rs 29; Shp: Rs 27; Thp: Rs 34; Tri: Rs 189 & 118; Ex: Rs 967 & 536.

IV race: Rs 59w; 13, 10, 16p; Fc: Rs 135; Q: Rs 32; Shp: Rs 43; Thp: Rs 27; Tri: Rs 348 & 127; Ex: Rs 1,770 & 1,602.

V race: Rs 13w; 12, 18, 26p; Fc: Rs 50; Q: Rs 34; Shp: Rs 24; Thp: Rs 27; Tri: Rs 68 & 17; Ex: Rs 247 & 121.

VI race: Rs 106w; 34, 14, 45p; Fc: Rs 486; Q: Rs 166; Shp: Rs 29; Thp: Rs 113; Tri: Rs 4,963 & 3,190; Ex: Rs 25,916 & 11,107.

Jackpot: Rs 58,364 (2). **Runner-up:** Rs 1,316 (38). **Treble:** Rs 1,579 (34).

Aldgate for main event

MYSURU SELECTIONS

Aldgate, from the stables of Arjun Mangalorkar and to be ridden by Antony Raj S, is fancied to win the Dr. R Rajendra Prasad Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the races to be run over a sprint at the races on Wednesday. The first race starts at 2 pm.

1. Pattadakal Plate - 1500M: Alluring Beauty 1, Gentleman's Word 2, Lead Singer 3.

2. Sahyadri Plate (Div II) - 1400M: Natural Speed 1, Sira 2, Nozomi 3.

3. Fame And Glory Plate - 1200M: SD Queen 1, Choice 2, City Of Hustle 3.

4. Sahyadri Plate (Div I) - 1400M: Selma 1, Polar Wind 2, Seiko Katsu 3.

5. Dr. R Rajendra Prasad Memorial Trophy - 1200M: Aldgate 1, Pure For Sure 2, Gold Kite 3.

6. Sangam Plate - 1600M: Aurele 1, Red Falcon 2, Sir Calculus 3.

7. Bandipur Plate - 1100M: Moonlight Queen 1, Saint Emilion 2, Mark One 3.

Day's best: Aurele. **Jackpot:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. **I treble:** 2, 3, 4. **II treble:** 5, 6, 7.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION, DHARWAD

SECTION 1:
INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (Two Cover System), KW-1,2,3 & 4

Reg: **This office tender Notification No. 11/2025-26 Dated:01/12/2025**

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Dharwad, invites tenders for Dharwad, Gadag, Hangal and Ranebennur Sub Division, comes under various HOA in Standard Bid Document **KW-1,2,3,4** through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the work under various Head of Account on Item Rate basis. **Maximum Estimate Amount: Rs. 975.00 Lakhs, Maximum E.M.D amount Rs. 14.62 Lakhs** and **Minimum Estimate Amount: Rs.2.00 Lakhs,** Minimum **E.M.D amount Rs.5000;** Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal is from **02/12/2025** upto **30 Days** step by step. And any other Corrigendum/Addendum and Postponement of Notification, Changes in the dates, if any will be published only through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.inare final.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINGER
M.I & G.W.D. DIVISION,
DHARWAD

dipr/hvr/dipo/541/2025-26

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER, BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HASSAN.
D.Devaraja Arasu Bhavan, Shree Vidya Gangapathi Temple Cross Road, Near Akshavani, Salagame Road, Hassan-573202.
Phone: +91 7019024647, 08172-295108
Email:dobcmhassan@gmail.com Website: https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in

No.BCWD/A S/Out Source Tender/CR-01/2025-26
Date:01-12-2025

: :SHORT TERM E-Tender Notification : :

Regarding Short Term E-Tender is Invited in the KPPP portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.)For Providing Human Services Through Out Source Agency For vacant posts of cooks, kitchen assistants and night watchmen in the pre-matric/ post-matric hostels, vacant posts of data entry operators in the district office &taluk level offices operated by the Backward Classes Welfare Department in Hassan and vacant posts of teaching/ non-teaching & various categories of group D level post in Morarji Desai Residential Schools through an external resource agency. Calendar of Events 1.Tender Reference No BCWD/2025-26/SE0100 2.Estimated Amount Awarded : Rs. 1194.12 Lakhs 3.EMD Amount : Rs. 15.00 Lakhs 4.Pre Bid Meeting Date, Time and Place Date:08.12.2025 Time 03.00 P.M. District office, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Hassan District, Hassan (Location & Date subject to change) 5.Last date & Time for submission of Tender Date:15.12.2025 Time 5.30 P.M. 6.Date & Time of opening of Technical bid Date:17.12.2025 Time 11.00 A.M. (Date Subject to change) 7.Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid Date:18-10-2025 Time 11.00 A.M. District office, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Hassan District, Hassan (Location & Date subject to change) 8.Communication Address and Contact number for further enquiry Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in orDistrict office, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Hassan District, Hassan Email:-dobcmhassan@gmail.com

Sd/- District Officer, Backward classes Welfare Dept, Hassan Dist, Hassan.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

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ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **DMA/2025-26/SE6781**

ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ: **ರೂ. 28,54,000/–,** ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: **ರೂ. 50,000/–. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.12.2025.**

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ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2025-26/5112 DATE: 01/12/2025

Short term/E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise Short term/e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements, 1 work under head of account 4059-CMIDP, 2 works under head of account 8443-Deposit Contribution and 1 work under head of account 4059-PW Building-Construction, Totally 5 No.of works, amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 12.00 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 440.00 Lakhs.

Calendar of events for the works at Sl. No. 1:

1) Pre-bid meeting date: 15-12-2025 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2) Last date for queries & clarifications : 16-12-2025 up to 5.30 PM, 3) Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 18-12-2025 up to 5.00 PM, 4) Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 20-12-2025 at 4.30 PM, 5) Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 6) If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

Calendar of events for the works at Sl. No. 1:

1) Pre-bid meeting date: 19-12-2025 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2) Last date for queries & clarifications : 20-12-2025 up to 5.30 PM, 3) Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 22-12-2025 up to 5.00 PM, 4) Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 24-12-2025 at 4.30 PM, 5) Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 6) If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kppp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1415/KSMCA/2025-26

DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
District Health & Family Welfare Office, Tumkur.
Phone : 0816-2275230, E-mail : dhotumkur@gmail.com

No. : N.P.C.B./TUMK./279/2025-26 Date : 02-12-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under **National Blindness Control Program & Visual Impairment Program in the year 2025-26** Tender has been invited on behalf of **District Health Society, Tumkur for Procurement of Spectacles** through KPP Portal (E-Tender) under **2 Cover System.**

1) Supply Spectacles as per Technical Specification : Supply of Presbyopic Glasses for aged 45 Years and above and Prescription Glasses, Tender Amount (In Lakhs) : Rs. 77,00,000/-, EMD Amount : Rs. 1,54,000/- (2%), E-Tender Floating Date in KPP Portal : 05-12-2025, Last Date of Uploading in KPP Portal : 20-12-2025 @ 10.00 a.m., E-Tender Opening Date : 22-12-2025, 2) Supply Spectacles as per Technical Specification : Supply of Free Spectacles to School Children with Refractive Error, Tender Amount (In Lakhs) : Rs. 16,10,000/-, EMD Amount : Rs. 40,250/- (2.5%), E-Tender Floating Date in KPP Portal : 05-12-2025, Last Date of Uploading in KPP Portal : 20-12-2025 @ 10.00 a.m., E-Tender Opening Date : 22-12-2025,

Interested Bidders can obtain Tender Documents from : **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Website.** For more Information Contact **District Leprosy Office, D.H.O. Office Complex, Near Amanakere, Tumkur - 572 101 and Mobile No. : 94484 16330.**

Sd/- District Health & Family Welfare Officer, Tumkur.

DIPR/Ramanagar/56/Manipal/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation and Ground water development Division, Mandya, E mail: eemimandya@gmail.com

No.EE-MID/MDY/TA/AE/TB/2025-26/1722 Dt:27.11.2025

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 10/2025-26, Dated: 27-11-2025

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Mandya invited item wise Tender from eligible contractors under " KPP " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-1 and KW-4 Under the Head of Account 4702-Borewell-11 Works, LIS-8 works, DPR -7 works, Check Dam-1 works, 2702-36 works total there are 63 No's of works, amount put to tender ranging from Rs. 1.15 Lakhs to as high as Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office on or before dated: 03.12.2025 during Working hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website "www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in " before 08.12.2025 up to 17.00 Hours. Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on 09-12-2025 at 17-10 Hours. Financial bids of the eligible bidders will be opened on 11-12-2025 at 10-30 Hours.

Note: All the rights and decisions if any of all works or any of the work of this tender reserved by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for each work is published in the " www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections /Date Changes/ Addendum and Corrigendum regarding each individual works will be published separately in " kpp " portal only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
MI & GWD Division, Mandya.

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Atharva Nawarange (right) and Kaira Baliga.

Atharva, Kaira crowned champs

BENGALURU, DHNS: Atharva Nawarange and Kaira Baliga notched up fighting victories to clinch the boys' and girls' titles respectively at the 27th MS Ramaiah Memorial State-Ranking Table Tennis tournament on Tuesday.

LOCAL TABLE TENNIS

Atharva scripted a come-from-behind victory against Gaurav Gowda 3-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-6 while Kaira beat Himanshi Chowdhary 11-5, 11-9, 6-11, 11-9.

Results: All Finals: U-17 Boys: Atharva Nawarange bt Gaurav Gowda 3-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-6.
Girls: Kaira Baliga bt Himanshi Chowdhary 11-5, 11-9, 6-11, 11-9.

Bengaluru shuttler wins doubles title

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru shuttler Avinash Srinivas, representing Australia, combined with Aussie partner Ephraim Stephen Sam to win the men's doubles title in the South Africa International tournament last weekend.

In the final, their South Africa opponents withdrew from the contest with Avinash and Sam emerging winners.

In the previous week in Botswana, Avinash and Ephraim finished runners up after losing the final to the Indian pair of Kuldeep Kamal and Tanmoy Boruah 21-18, 21-14.

CRICKET SECOND ODI

India seek to seal the deal

Hosts hope for another Rohit-Kohli special against South Africa

RAIPUR, PTI

LIVE 1:30 PM, STAR SPORTS

Yashasvi Jaiswal (right), in the middle of a middling run, will be hoping for a big knock in the second ODI against South Africa in Raipur on Wednesday. PTI

The chatter around the volatile dressing room environment notwithstanding, India will rely on Virat Kohli's imperious form and Rohit Sharma's indomitable presence to seal a series victory over a doughty South Africa in the second ODI here on Wednesday.

A record-extending 52nd ODI century by Kohli and a rapid 57 from Rohit paved the way for India's 17-run win in the series-opener at Ranchi, where the home bowlers endured a spirited fightback from the Proteas before managing to stop them.

With the 2027 ODI World Cup two years away, Kohli and Rohit are not only auditioning every match to prove their fitness and form but are also reportedly managing growing differences with head coach Gautam Gambhir.

The issue has dominated the off-field talk and is expected to have the BCCI stepping in at some point.

Having set up two consecutive victories for India in last as many ODIs -- including a nine-wicket hammering of Australia at Sydney in October -- Kohli and Rohit have shown they will everything possible to be on that flight to the World Cup in South Africa.

Both the chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar and Gambhir have remained non-committal about their participation in the World Cup and that has probably been at the centre of the simmering tensions between the two sides.

However, India have a lot more to worry about despite the opening win.

For starters, the combination does not seem perfectly aligned.

Ruturaj Gaikwad, who has built an impressive record in List A cricket, was pushed from opening to No 4. He did not look completely conditioned for the role, with stand-in captain KL Rahul staunchly defending his position at No 6.

Washington Sundar is not new to such experiments as the Tamil Nadu all-rounder, who batted at No. 3 in Kolkata Test against the Proteas, has seen plenty of changes in his batting positions. But in the first ODI at No. 5, he too was among the batters dismissed in a phase where India slowed down.

And again for an all-rounder, Sunadar also had another light day in terms of bowling as he sent down only three overs for 18 runs.

To his credit, Harshit Rana did a lot of good to his reputation with two wickets upfront with the new ball but his knack of giving away runs later on will require the all-rounder to bring in more control, especially when only one ball is allowed to play with after the 34th over.

In their bid to restore balance between bat and ball, the ICC's new rule allows only one ball from the existing two to be continued with from 34-50 overs.

Kuldeep Yadav snaffled key wickets for a match haul of 4/68 and even though he was a shade expensive, his variation proved to be the difference as South Africa fell short but then, not by a big margin.

Kohli confirms Vijay Hazare Trophy availability

Indian superstar Virat Kohli on Tuesday confirmed his availability to play in the Vijay Hazare Trophy beginning on December 24, reports PTI.

Kohli, now a one format player for India, is currently busy with the ODI series against South Africa. Kohli is returning to the Hazare Trophy for the first time since appearing against Services in February 2010.

The 37-year-old racked up his 52nd hundred in the series opener at Ranchi, showing he remains sharp as ever despite playing just one version of the game, having announced his retirement from Tests earlier this year.

Kohli had retired from T20 Internationals following India's triumph in the 2024 World Cup in Barbados.

"He has confirmed his availability to play in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. How many games he will feature in, that is not clear yet. Obviously, him being around will be a massive boost to the Delhi dressing room," Jaitley told.

Maxwell pulls out of IPL auctions

37-year-old has 2819 runs in 141 games since his 2012 debut

SYDNEY, PTI

Glenn Maxwell

Glenn Maxwell, whose IPL career over the last decade has largely been underwhelming, decided to pull out of the upcoming mini auctions scheduled in Abu Dhabi on December 16.

The 37-year-old, popularly known as "Big Show" for being a phenomenal talent in his younger days, has played every IPL season since 2012, barring one in 2019. He has managed only 2819 runs in 141 games at a strike rate of 155 plus and an average of less than 24, which doesn't justify the kind of prices that he has been consistently fetching in auctions over the years. He also picked 41 wickets with his off-breaks at an economy rate of 8.30.

"After many unforgettable seasons in the IPL, I've decided not to put my name into auctions this year. It's a big call and one I make with a lot of gratitude for everything this league has given me," Maxwell wrote on his Instagram page.

"The IPL has shaped me as a cricketer and as a person. I have been lucky to play with world class team-mates, incredible franchises, and perform in-front of fans whose passion is unmatched. The memories, challenges and the energy of India will stay with me forever."

While Maxwell didn't specify a reason, it is evident that most major franchises have grown weary of waiting for him to deliver a good season, something that has been rare. His multi-million dollar bids at auction often defied logic with franchise owners attributing it to market forces.

Khawaja out of 2nd Ashes Test

BRISBANE, AFP: Australia opening batsman Usman Khawaja was on Tuesday ruled out of the second Ashes Test against England with the back injury he suffered during the Perth opener.

The veteran had back spasms and failed to open in the first Test victory.

He was replaced for the second innings by Travis Head, who blasted a match-winning century.

It leaves Khawaja's international future in doubt. He turns 39 later this month and has been under pressure after a lean run of form with the bat.

Head will be favourite to be deployed as makeshift opener in Khawaja's absence.

Jacks replaces Wood

Off-spinner Will Jacks has replaced the injured Mark Wood in the England side for the day-night second Ashes Test at Brisbane's Gabba starting on Thursday.

Jacks will play his first Test for three years in the only change as England dispensed with the all-pace attack used in the first Test defeat in Perth.

IN BRIEF

K'taka squad for Vijay Merchant

Arush Jain will lead Karnataka at the BCCI Vijay Merchant Trophy to be held in Raipur from December 7, reports DHNS

Squad: R Rohith Reddy, Rohith M, Arush Jain (c), Syaamantak Anirudh (vc), Aditya Jha (wk), Sukruth J, Atharav S Deshpande, Suvik Gill, Vikram, Samarth Kulkarni, Aaryansinh N Chavda, Vidhat S, Ashrith S Reddy (WK), Gokul, Eshan Manigandan, Niranjan Ashok
Coach: Mr. Kunal Kapoor, Bowling Coach: Adithya B Sagar, Fielding Coach: Justin Rahael Muthu
Manager: M Ramurthy; Strength & Conditioning Coach: Basavaraj Demmakanavar; Physiotherapist: Mr. Vinay Kumar D; Performance Analyst Pradeep Kumar N.

Open National Inter-School

Amruthaya Central School will conduct the 6th Open National Inter-School Championship in volleyball, yoga, chess, taekwondo and badminton for U-18 boys and girls on Dec 6 and 7 at their school premises, reports DHNS.

For further details, contact Prikshith Chibber on 9986124865.

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2nd ODI: India vs South Africa (1:30 pm). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

1st Test: New Zealand vs West Indies, **(Day 2, 3:30 am). LIVE** on **Sony Sports Ten 1 and FanCode.**

FOOTBALL

EPL: Brighton vs Aston Villa, Burnley vs Crystal Palace, Wolves vs Nottingham Forest, Arsenal vs Brentford **(all 1 am, Thursday)**, Leeds United vs Chelsea, Liverpool vs Sunderland **(both 1:45 am, Thursday). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network and JioHotstar.**

La Liga: Athletic Club vs Real Madrid **(11:30 pm). LIVE** on **FanCode.**

HOCKEY

Women's Jr World Cup: India vs Germany **(7:45 pm)**, Australia vs Uruguay **(10 pm). LIVE** on **Star Sports Select 2 and JioHotstar.**

Padikkal ton helps K'taka drub TN

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka's Devdutt Padikkal hammered a 46-ball 102 while stitching a 115-run stand with team-mate Smaran R in their team's 145-run victory over TN in Ahmedabad on Tuesday.

Devdutt Padikkal's blistering 46-ball century led Karnataka's commanding 145-run victory over Tamil Nadu in their Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Elite Group D clash in Ahmedabad on Tuesday, giving them a second win in four matches and first after two consecutive losses.

Padikkal smashed an unbeaten 102, driving Karnataka to a formidable 245/3 book-ended by BR Sharath's rapid 53 runs off 23 balls at the top of the order and Smaran R's clean-striking (46 n.o. off 29) towards back end of the innings.

The trio's dominance ensured Karnataka maintained a scoring rate above 12 throughout as Padikkal and Smaran stitched an unbeaten stand of 115 runs (56 balls) for the fourth wicket.

Barring Sonu Yadav's 2/34, all of TN's experienced bowling line-up went for plenty on a flat surface, including T Natarajan (1/54) and Gurjapneet Singh (0/46).

In response, Tamil Nadu's chase never took off as early wickets crippled them. Tushar Raheja's 29 provided brief resistance but regular breakthroughs from Shreyas Gopal (3/21) and Pravin Dubey's incisive 3/15 dismantled the line-up.

Vijaykumar Vyshak and Shubhang Hegde chipped in with two wickets each, wrapping up Tamil Nadu for just 100 in 14.3 overs.

The emphatic win significantly boosted Karnataka's momentum heading into the remaining three rounds of group fixtures with top two from the group qualifying for the quarterfinals.

Karnataka got further assistance from bottom-placed Tripura, who shocked Delhi for their maiden win of the season by 12 runs.

Unbeaten Jharkhand remain atop with four consecutive wins as Ishan Kishan's 93 ensured a big 84 runs win over Saurashtra.

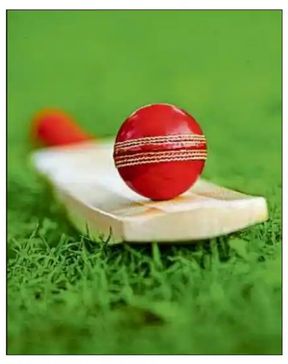
Meanwhile in Hyderabad, India all-rounder Hardik Pandya made an excellent return to competitive cricket after two months, striking an unbeaten 77 to power Baroda to a seven-wicket win over Punjab in a Group C match.

Pandya's 42-ball knock (7x4, 4x6) helped Baroda surmount Punjab's challenging 222 for eight in 20 overs, which was built around India opener Abhishek Sharma's 19-ball 50.

Group D brief scores: Karnataka: 245/3 in 20 overs (BR Sharath 53, Devdutt Padikkal 102 n.o., Smaran R 46. n.o.; R Sonu Yadav 2-34) bt Tamil Nadu: 100 all out in 14.3 overs (Tushar Raheja 29; Shreyas Gopal 3-21, V Vyshak 2-7, Pravin Dubey 3-15, Shubhang Hegde 2-19).
Tripura: 157/5 in 20 overs (Bikram Kumar Das 28, Sridam Paul 29, Manisankar Murasingh 25 n.o.; Digvesh Singh 2-34, Suyash Sharma 2-16) bt Delhi: 145/8 in 20 overs (Yash Dhull 25, Nitish Rana 45; Manisankar Murasingh 2-19, Viki Saha 2-29).
Jharkhand: 209/8 in 20 overs (Ishan Kishan 93, Robin Minz 28, Anukul Roy 27; Chetan Sakariya 3-42) bt Saurashtra: 125 all out in 15.1 overs (Prerak Mankad 39, Sushant Mishra 2-30, Anukul Roy 3-25, Amit Kumar 2-36).
Rajasthan: 193/8 in 20 overs (Deepak Hooda 90 n.o., Mahipal Lomror 26 n.o.; Rajan Kumar 4-37, Agrim Tiwari 2-33) lt to Uttarakhand: 120 all out in 18 overs (Shashwat Dangwal 25; Manav Suthar 3-21, Ashok Sharma 4-16).

Andhra Pradesh in driver's seat against Karnataka

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka found themselves in deep trouble by stumps on the second day as they trailed by 239 runs while losing half of their side to Andhra Pradesh in their Elite Group C match of the Cooch Behar Trophy in Anantapur on Tuesday.



Group toppers Karnataka were reeling at 176 for the loss of five after AP, overnight 300/5, folded up for 415 all out in the first innings. The tourists will hope for Siddharth Akhil, who is batting at 60, get them as close to AP's total as possible at the Rayalaseema Cricket Ground.

Karnataka's top-order came a cropper on the day as they slipped to 78 losing four wickets. Manikanth Shivanand (56) then had a stand of 66 runs for the fifth wicket with Siddharth to offer the visitors some respite.

Shivanand, however, was run out at a crucial juncture of the innings, leaving Akhil to find fresh momentum towards the end of the day's play. N Rajesh (2/50) was the pick of the bowlers for Andhra.

Andhra, resuming at 300/5, the hosts added 115 runs, with Paramveer Singh (70), Anv Lohith (74) and overnight batter KL Srinivas (98) steering the innings forward. Earlier on, Haneesh Reddy scored a brilliant 104.

Karnataka bowlers kept striking through the morning, led by Rathan BR (4/80). Dhyaan Hiremath (3/120) and Akshath Prabhakar (2/27) shared five wickets between them.

Brief scores: AP: (O/n: 300/5): 415 all out in 122 overs (Haneesh Reddy 104, KL Srinivas 98, Paramveer Singh 70, Anv Lohith 74; Rathan BR 4-80, Dhyaan Hiremath 3-120, Akshath Prabhakar 2-27) vs Karnataka: 176/5 in 62 overs (Dhruv Krishnan 28, Manikanth Shivanand 56, Siddharth A 60; N Rajesh 2-50).

Mamatha takes up Hong Kong coaching job

BENGALURU, DHNS: Mamatha Maben, a prominent name in the Indian cricketing circles, having coached the Bangladesh and Chinese women's cricket teams, will now take over the reins of Hong Kong for a three-year term.

The appointment comes in the middle of Hong Kong, China's tour of Malaysia, where they play a four-match T20I series, that started on November 30.

"They had put out an advertisement seeking a Head Coach. One of my acquaintances brought it to my notice and so I applied. I had to go through a couple of interview rounds before I got the job," Mamata, a former India women's team captain, told *DH*.

The 55-year-old from Bengaluru hopes to make an impact and lift Hong Kong's world ranking spot in the next two years, despite the challenges of limited funds and assets.

"Basically I am looking at taking them at least five ranking points up in the next couple of years. I am looking to work extensively in order to up their skill sets. While there are many challenges working with an associate nation, as in infrastructure, availability of players and limited resources, I am confident that we would be able to show growth despite these challenges.

"I am looking forward to a productive and equally exciting time with Cricket Hong Kong, China," she said.

Mamatha Maben

ROBIN SMITH (1963-2025)

'The Judge' who fearlessly handled world's fastest bowlers

LONDON, AFP

Former England Test player Robin Smith has died aged 62, hailed by cricket chiefs as a "batter ahead of his time".

The South Africa-born Smith, who played 62 Tests between 1988 and 1996, died on Monday in Australia, where he lived.

Smith's family announced their "profound sense of sadness and loss" in a statement released by Hampshire, his former English county club.

"Robin died unexpectedly at his South Perth apartment on Monday, 1st December. The cause of his death is at present unknown," they said.

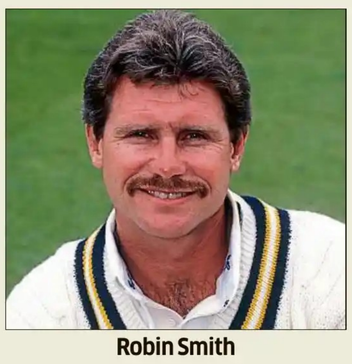
Smith had only recently met with the second-string England Lions squad in Perth ahead of the first Ashes Test at the invitation of coach Andrew Flintoff.

Smith scored 4,236 Test runs for England, including nine centuries, at an average of 43.67, and 2,419 runs in 71 one-day internationals.

"Robin Smith was a player who stood toe to toe with some of the quickest bowlers in the world, meeting spells of hostile fast bowling with a defiant smile and an incredible resilience," said England and Wales Cricket Board chairman Richard Thompson.

"He did so in a way that gave England fans enormous pride, and no shortage of entertainment.

"He was a batter ahead of his time, which was typified in that



Robin Smith

unforgettable unbeaten 167 from 163 balls in a one-day international against Australia at Edgbaston in 1993."

Nicknamed "The Judge", with his hair likened to a judge's wig, Smith grew up in apartheid-era South Africa, when the country was banned from international cricket.

The son of an English father, Smith followed older brother Chris into both the Hampshire and England teams.

He was renowned for his fearless batting against the world's fastest bowlers, including Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh and Waqar Younis.

But he struggled with mental health and alcohol-related problems in retirement.

"Robin rose to fame as one of England's most charismatic and popular players," Smith's family said.

"A brave and dashing batsman, he excelled both for Hampshire and his adopted country, collecting legions of admirers and friends along the way."

They added: "Since his retirement from the game in 2004 his battles with alcohol and mental health have been well documented but these should not form the basis of speculation about the cause of death which will be determined at post-mortem investigation."

Hampshire chairman Rod Bransgrove hailed Smith as "one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of all-time Hampshire cricket heroes".

"He was a batsman of awesome power and control and among the most courageous players this club has ever seen," he added.

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